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Walking In A Winter Wonderland

Today was filled with holiday fun, and was made even better by the beautiful snow that's been falling outside all day. There's no better way to get into the holiday spirit.

This morning I joined my mom at the historic [Lafayette Theater](#) in Suffern, NY. Built in 1924, the Lafayette Theater is a journey back in time. If you are looking for a real movie-going experience and would like to experience what a theater should be, look no further than the Lafayette. It is an absolutely beautiful building that still to this day contains one screen complete with balcony, opera boxes, a beautiful vintage Wurlitzer Organ, art-deco design, and beautiful chandeliers. It is a place full of character and beauty that you just don't find anymore.

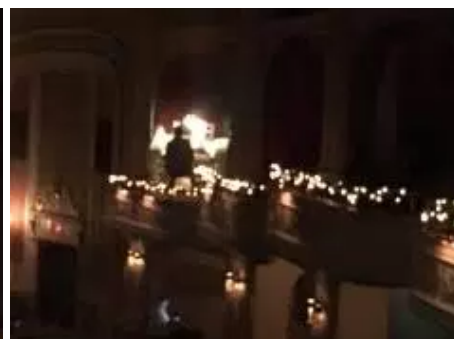


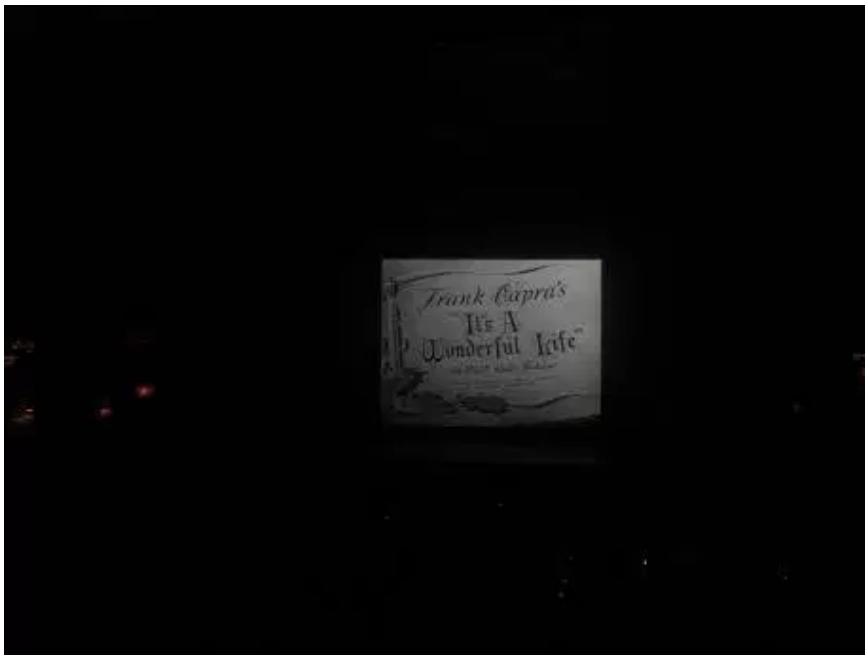
The Lafayette Theater isn't just for movies though. Complete with a stage, the Lafayette serves as a concert venue as well as showing first-run films, classic films, and film festivals.

All fall my mother has been attending the Classic Film Series that the Lafayette has been hosting on Saturday mornings. For \$3.00 you get to view classic films such as Casablanca and Miracle on 34th Street, and enjoy the sounds of the Mighty Wurlitzer playing before each show. My mom has spent nearly every Saturday at the Lafayette and is looking forward to their upcoming Winter Musical Series.

Today was the special holiday show featuring the classic movie, It's A Wonderful Life. Before the movie began, we were entertained by vintage cartoon holiday classics. Then the Cherry Lane Hand Bell Choir consisting of children in the 5th grade took the stage to entertain us with beautiful music, complete with a sing-a-long at the end. After the Hand Bell Choir played, it was time for a sing-along with the Mighty Wurlitzer. The words to all the songs were projected up on the screen and it was lots of fun and very festive. The organ player used to play for Madison Square Garden as well as Radio City Music Hall!

After the sing-along it was time for a Laurel and Hardy silent movie complete with live Wurlitzer accompaniment, just like silent-films were originally shown. It was truly amazing and the film was very funny. And then it was time for the main show, It's A Wonderful Life.





The Lafayette Theater was packed, and it was such a wonderful way to spend a Saturday morning and afternoon. You don't get to experience movie going experiences like this very often, and it's truly a treat when you do. When I go to the Lafayette I love sitting in the balcony. When I was a kid the balcony wasn't open, but a few years ago they opened it back up again and it's so much fun to sit up there. I really want to sit in one of the Opera Boxes. After the movie ended Santa was there greeting everyone and leading everyone in a sing-along of Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer. When we got outside what greeted us but snow! It was a winter wonderland! A perfect way to end a perfect morning/afternoon.

But, the holiday fun didn't just stop there. Tonight my husband and I went to [Valley Rock Inn](#)'s Winter Lights Festival. That was truly magical! Michael Bruno has been working hard for weeks to transform Sloatsburg into a Winter Wonderland complete with lights every place you look. The entire center of town has been transformed, and tonight was the opening night and the kick-off of the Holiday Market and Craft Fair.





Piped in Christmas music throughout the grounds, fire pits, and heating towers, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, food and champagne... there was something there for everyone creating a very festive atmosphere. As my husband and I wandered around the grounds I heard people commenting that Valley Rock Inn seemed like something straight out of a Hallmark Movie and they were right. Never have I seen anything like this. With over 100 trees lit as well as 20 surrounding buildings, you truly felt like you walked onto a holiday movie set.



But, not only was Valley Rock Inn getting you into the holiday spirit, they were also raising funds for three wonderful causes. All proceeds from the Christmas plant and candle sale will raise funds to help save a horse's life. And, Michael Bruno also teamed up with [New York Cares](#) for a coat drive. The coat drive is a two-fold event. Not only will the coat provide warmth to someone in need this winter, but for every coat Mr. Bruno is

donating \$20 to the [Sloatsburg Public Library](#). That truly is the holiday spirit; helping those in need and helping your community.

It's been a busy day. The snow is still falling outside making the world a real winter wonderland. Hanukkah starts in a few days, and then shortly after that Christmas. I had an amazing day at the Lafayette Theater and then at Valley Rock Inn truly getting into the holiday spirit, and the snow made it even more magical!

For More Information On The Lafayette Theater:

- **Visit:** 97 Lafayette Avenue, Suffern
- **Call:** 845-547-2120
- <http://www.lafayettetheatersuffern.com/>
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Valley Rock Inn's Winter Lights Festival

- Sunday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
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