

New Bedford's Orpheum Theatre Turns 100!

On April 15, 1912, as people in New Bedford were getting ready for the Grand Opening of the Orpheum Theatre, little did they realize that the famed steamship, “*RMS Titanic*” had struck an iceberg and sank, taking along over 1,500 souls on



that very same day. But although the Titanic was lost, the Orpheum Theatre and French Sharpshooters' Hall opened to large crowds. It was one of the jewels of this area's many theaters. It was cherished for its entertainment by many of this region's local citizens for 46 years until it closed in 1958.

The organization O.R.P.H., INC. (*Orpheum Rising Project Helpers*) with support of the Community Building Mini-Grant Program of the United Way of Greater New Bedford, invites the public to join us in celebrating this 100 year milestone and to highlight plans to save this historic landmark.

Sunday April 15th, 2012 6-9 PM

Café Vila Franca Restaurant

601 South Second St. New Bedford, MA.

(One block West of the Orpheum Theatre)

The \$25 donation includes membership to O.R.P.H., Inc. (*Orpheum Rising Project Helpers*). There will be complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. Also, Café Vila Franca has offered O.R.P.H., Inc. a gracious donation for signature drinks sold, which includes the “*Titanic Martini*”. There will also be a

silent auction and raffle!

There will be entertainment along with memorabilia, photos, and documentary videos, highlighting the theater's rich history.

ORPH, Inc. would like to thank the following... The Mini-Grant Program of the United Way of Greater New Bedford Area, Vila Franca Restaurant, W.H.A.L.E., NBEDC, Central Food Market, Atty. Maja Bozic along with countless supporters and volunteers.

For more info contact ORPH, Inc. President, Frank C. Grace at 508-971-4173 or visit www.orphinc.org.

So please come out to show your support and help us to continue our ongoing efforts to save this grand old lady and restore her to her former splendor. We hope to see you there!

The Orpheum turns 100!

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CAFE VILA FRANCA

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\$25.00 Donation includes Membership to O.R.P.H., INC.
(Orpheum Rising Project Helpers)

Appetizers Cash Bar 6-9 PM

Entertainment, memorabilia, photos, documentaries,
and much more...

For more info contact O.R.P.H. Inc President Frank Grace 508 971 4173

Celebrate the 100th Birthday **Of The** **NEW BEDFORD**

Cafe Vila Franco has graciously offered \$1.00 to
the cause for each signature drink purchased,
and that includes the "Titanic Martini"!

Orpheum Theatre

**Silent Auction
and Raffle!**



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