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THEATRE GALA

MOVIES, MUSIC, & MAIN STREET!



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

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MAYOR BEN KESSLER



Bringing movies to the Drexel is magic.
 Thank you for supporting the magic of the Drexel.
—Fondly, Jill Jeffrey Kingsley



Thank you to the amazing staff of
 the Drexel -

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—Jennifer Nelson Carney & John Carney

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EVENING AGENDA

LIVE MUSIC, DRINKS &
 TASTY BITES
 6:00 PM

GALA PROGRAM
 6:45 PM

DESSERT & DANCING
 7:15 PM

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A collection of trailers from past, present and
 future films at the Drexel will be playing in
 Theatre 1 at 6:15pm, 7:30pm and 8:00pm

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Carmen & Denny Wojtanowski

List as of 9/12/2024

★ ★ ★ MAYOR BEN KESSLER ★ ★ ★



Ben Kessler was re-elected to the office of Mayor in November of 2023, and has served as Mayor since 2012. With a prior professional background in commercial real estate and finance, Mayor Kessler has emphasized sound planning and holistic redevelopment with a focus on neighborhood-scale planning and environmental sustainability. In addition to his role as Mayor and chief executive of the City of Bexley, Mayor Ben is a past chair of and serves on the executive board of the Central Ohio Mayor's and City Managers Association as its Secretary and Treasurer.

Mayor Kessler's community initiatives have included creating and chairing the Bexley Land Use Strategy Commission; forming the Bexley Community Improvement Corporation; redeveloping the former City Hall and Service Garage site on Main Street; installing traffic-calming medians and enhanced streetscape on Main Street and Broad Street; crafting comprehensive distracted driving and pedestrian crosswalk laws for Bexley; launching Ohio's first comprehensive curbside food waste recycling service; authoring Ohio's first comprehensive single-use plastics ordinance; spurring the creation of the Bexley Main Event and Jazz in the Park series and the Jeffrey Woods Festival; and overseeing Bexley's first park and greenspace expansion effort in decades with the expansion of Schneider Park and the creation of the Schneider Park athletic fields, playground, community gardens, and creekside trail.



Proud to be Bexley citizens for nearly 9 decades now under the enlightened leadership of Mayor Ben Kessler!

—Miriam & Bernie Yenkin

* Historical note: Bernie, as a kid, was a "regular" at the Saturday matinees when the Drexel opened in 1937!!

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—Patty & Mike Penick, General Man, Casto





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Fred and I love the ritual of seeing movies at the Drexel: walking to the theater, greeting the folks behind the counter, laughing together, crying together, escaping together into another world. After the film we often see friends and neighbors in the lobby, or have a lively conversation with strangers about the film. There's nothing like it! We love the Drexel.

—Janet Helgeson
& Fred Roecker



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Thank you for continuing to make the historic Drexel Theatre a vibrant hub for entertainment, education and community engagement of our community.

—Susan Tomasky & Ron Ungvarsky

★ ★ ★ ABOUT THE DREXEL ★ ★ ★



The Drexel debuted on Christmas Day 1937 and for generations, the Drexel Theatre has been central Ohio's first source for independent film and the best of Hollywood and international cinema. Named among the "Ten Best Art Blessings" by *The Columbus Dispatch*, the Drexel is Columbus' premier arts cinema, providing unique programming in an eclectic, neighborhood film-going experience. The Drexel Theatre has

officially been added to the National Register of Historic Places as a historic place worthy of preservation. Selected as a historic building contributing to the community's recreation and culture, the Drexel is only the fifth site in Bexley to be honored with this national designation.

A donation to the Drexel Gala in honor of Mayor Ben Kessler is an essential part of supporting and sustaining the Drexel for generations. All Gala donors will be recognized on the Drexel website and in theatre in 2025.



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Friends of the Drexel, Inc. is a non-profit organization that exists to secure and sustain the future of the historic Drexel Theatre as a distinctive cultural asset to Bexley and the greater Columbus community.

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