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**Tacoma's Historic Theater District Centennial Campaign  
Construction Begins May 2018  
Tacoma's Crown Jewel Pantages Theater Prepares for Six-Month Closure**

**TACOMA, WA**— The new scope and first of three phases of Tacoma's Historic Theater District Centennial Campaign are on track, on-budget, and set to begin with construction and a six-month closure of Tacoma's crown jewel Pantages Theater in May 2018. The Broadway Center in partnership with City of Tacoma is committed to raising \$20 million to revitalize, refurbish, and update both the Pantages Theater and Theater on the Square and create a fund to support access, education, and diverse programs.

The Centennial Campaign scope, phases and anticipated construction dates include:

- **Phase I: Pantages Theater Interior**  
Closure of the Pantages Theater May 14, 2018 to November 5, 2018. Jones Building offices will remain open during construction.
- **Phase II: Pantages Theater Exterior, Production Expansion and Theater on the Square**  
To be completed spring through fall 2019
- **Phase III: Seismic Shear Walls & Access Funds**  
2019 or 2020, pending final funding through tax credits. This phase may require short-term office relocation during spring/summer.

To date, approximately \$7.5MM from the City of Tacoma and \$1.25MM from private sector donors have been secured, and in process are \$4MM in additional requests. Pending final approval from the State Legislature, the Broadway Center expects \$1MM from the State's Capital Budget, which is due for adoption during the short session in Olympia to begin shortly. Work is underway to secure a tax credit investment of between \$4.5MM and \$7.4MM; this amount will be clarified by spring 2018.

The Broadway Center will achieve the needed commitments for the Phase I construction beginning in May 2018. Further, the Broadway Center is confident it will raise the remaining funds for construction and to support access, education, and diverse programs through private philanthropy and naming opportunities.

Tacoma's Historic Theater District contributes \$24 million annually to downtown's growing economy. The community treasures its arts scene and the Broadway Center strives to deliver quality programs that reflect the diversity of our region. A study by Americans for the Arts found 87 percent of people believe the arts are important to quality of life, and 82 percent believe they are important to local businesses and the economy—whether or not they personally engage with the arts.

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The center of Tacoma's Historic Theater District, the Broadway Center's mission is to energize the community through live performance. Founded in 1979, the Broadway Center is a non-profit organization recognized for leadership in presenting world-class performing artists, providing one of the largest arts education programs in Washington State, and preserving Tacoma's historic theaters. Learn more at [BroadwayCenter.org](http://BroadwayCenter.org).

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