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Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation Receives First Major Gifts for Amphitheater Renovation Project

An upgraded amphitheater at Prickett's Fort State Park by summer 2011 is closer to becoming a reality, thanks to generous support from the community.

The "Bringing the Past Forward" capital campaign has received a total of \$56,000 in funds toward meeting its \$250,000 goal through several lead gifts. During a reception at Pricketts Fort before the Fairmont State University Town & Gown Players performance of "Oklahoma!" on July 1, several community members were recognized for stepping forward to support the amphitheater renovation project.

Executive Director, Melissa May stated, "This is an exciting project, not only for Pricketts Fort, but for the whole community, in that it will bring an important performing arts venue up today's standards for comfort, safety, and technology. The support we have already received has jump started the fundraising process and brought us that much closer to our goal. The foundation is most appreciative for the support of these generous donors."

Gifts include the donation of design services from Kenton Blackwood; electrical materials from Kevin and Tina Rogers; and steel from Franc, Leah, Michael, and Lisa Stern. In addition, a Governor's Community Partnership Grant in the amount of \$15,000 has been secured through the assistance of Sen. Roman Prezioso for the project.

Those who would like to support the amphitheater renovation project can sponsor a chair or purchase a brick that can be personalized with an engraved acknowledgement. Planned giving options and naming opportunities are also available. Major donors will be acknowledged by name on a permanent plaque in The Gate Post. For more information about how to donate, visit www.prickettsfort.org.

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