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Melodrama Returns to Cowtown

Local group presenting five shows in Empire House

Old Cowtown Museum is bringing back one of its most popular attractions – classic melodrama theater. Performances of “Trapped in a Villain's Web or Weave me Loan” will take place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 20, 22 and Oct. 27-29 in Cowtown's Empire House Theater. The shows are presented by Patricia & Susanne's Melodramatic Society, a newly formed group in Wichita. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids ages 12 and under. They may be purchased online at WichitaTIX.com or by calling (316) 350-3323. Cowtown is located at 1865 W. Museum Blvd.

“It's been a number of years since Cowtown hosted melodrama shows and people kept asking when it was going to return,” said Cowtown Director David Flask. “We were just waiting for the right opportunity, and we found it with Patricia & Susanne's Melodramatic Society. Audiences will find it was worth the wait.”

“Trapped in a Villain's Web or Weave me Loan” includes an over-the-top exaggerated plot, hero, villains and damsel in distress that melodrama audiences have come to love and expect. The cast includes 14 local actors. A complete cast list is available at OldCowtown.org.

This story, in particular, is set in a dress shop in Brooklyn, N.Y., that is operated by two con artists who cheat their unsuspecting rich clients. They also run a sweatshop filled with waifs from the local orphanage. When a trusting and naïve girl from Arizona arrives, the two villains do everything they can to steal her sizable inheritance. The girl's only hope is her one true love who followed her from Arizona to New York. Will good or evil prevail? Come to the show to find out.