



Tivoli Cinemas, 4050 Pennsylvania Ave.

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The Tivoli has been around for more than 30 years. In that time, UMKC has formed a partnership with owner Jerry Harrington and the theater. Dr. Tom Poe of the UMKC Film and Media Arts department expressed why the

the Tivoli would need to remove its 35mm projection equipment and bring in newer compatible equipment.

The cost to convert is more than \$70 thousand per auditorium. Renovating all three screens at the

"We chose Kickstarter because the funds are only released if the target goal is achieved," Harrington said, "which is the position the theater is in right now."

The goal of the campaign is to reach \$130 thousand by midnight on Dec. 12. Harrington and the Tivoli staff are asking regular attendees of the theater, and anyone else who is willing, to pledge. Contributions can be as low as a \$1 donation. Any contributed funds that exceed the goal amount will be used for additional improvements to the theater.

"In return for your support, we are offering movie passes, concession packages and special rewards that will allow you to come back to enjoy the fully digital



The Tivoli has launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise money for renovations.

experience and celebrate what we have accomplished together," Harrington said.

The Tivoli has served as a facility for multiple UMKC film classes over the years, and has made it possible for UMKC to offer several ongoing film series to students. Poe referred to the Tivoli as an indispensable part of the growth of UMKC's Film and Media program.

"The Tivoli has been, and hopefully can continue to be, a

vital resource to not only UMKC students, faculty and staff, but to the ever-growing and important goal of making Kansas City a true 'Crossroad' for the Visual and Performing arts," Poe said.

For more information about the Tivoli's campaign, visit www.tivolikc.com.

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