



5 月 20 日,Mr. Jack J. Craciun III 在 Agora 爲我引見了 Mr.Henry LoConti Sr, 我見到的 Henry 先生和我想象中的 Henry 差別很大,因爲未見面時 Jack 已經爲我介紹了,他稱 Henry 爲叔叔。Jack 說:Henry 叔叔已經是 82 歲了,並且 20 多年前發現癌症動了手術,我面前站着的 Henry 先生,飽滿的精神,他帶領我們大家參觀了整個 Agora, Henry 先生是我們這群人年齡最大的,不過他的精神面貌和聊天的情趣給我的第一印象是 Henry 先生有一顆青年人的心。

Henry 先生爲我們介紹了整個 Agora, 我參觀了數間錄音房間,在錄音房間我遇見了幾位來自加州和佛羅利達的歌手,他們興奮地說克里夫蘭 Agora 是他們走遍美國最好的錄音房,那里有最好的設施,還有演員們休息放鬆和娛樂的地方。當我看到 Agora 的牆上貼着許多明星們在這里演出的劇照時,我問了 Henry 先生,原來 Agora 就是搖滾樂最早演出的場地, Henry 先生還提到就在兩個月前,有一位從日本來專程觀看演出的觀眾,那位觀眾讓 Henry 十分感動,因爲這個演唱團是這位觀眾二十年前就崇拜的。在 Agora 里可以聽到許多這樣的故事。

Mr.Henry LoConti Sr 五十年代去過中國香港,那個時候他是一個軍人,60 年代開始從事娛樂業,97 年第二次去中國上海,我對他說如果今天您去看上海一定不認識。Mr.Henry LoConti Sr 說會再去中國,他希望不久中國也會有 Agora。

Agora 位于克里夫蘭 5000 Euclid Ave,這棟古典式的大樓建造于 1912 年,里面有兩個劇場,一個能容納 1400 人,它的舞臺有 5 層之高, Henry 先生介紹說:當時是爲演出歌劇創建這個舞臺的。我看着這莊嚴典雅的舞臺想,如果伊利華報能在 Agora 這里慶祝十周年多好,那是我的夢想。



Agora Theatre and Ballroom

The Agora Theatre and Ballroom is a concert club located in Cleveland, Ohio. The Agora first opened on February 26, 1966 in Cleveland near the campus of Case Western Reserve University. However, the Agora soon outgrew its original venue as its owner, Henry LoConti Sr., was a pioneer in promoting entertainment for young adults and college-aged students. In 1967, the Agora moved to a new building near the campus of Cleveland State University. Once settled in their new location, the Agora played a role in giving exposure to many bands, both from the Cleveland area and abroad. Many bands such as Grand Funk Railroad, ZZ Top, Glass Harp, and The Raspberries achieved much exposure after playing the Agora. The Painesville Agora was also the setting of the concert by Paul Simon's character in the opening minutes of the 1980 movie One Trick Pony. The front facade of the Painesville Agora was temporarily swapped for the one shown in the movie. The Agora was the site of a live recording on the 1996 reissue of Patti Smith's Horses album. The popularity of the club led the Agora to expand during the 1970s, opening as many as thirteen clubs, in cities including Columbus, Ohio, Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Tampa, Miami, Hartford, Akron, Toledo, New Haven, Painesville and Youngstown. However, the Cleveland location is the only one still in existence today. In 1984, the Agora was destroyed by a fire. A little over a year later, they reopened in a new building on Euclid Avenue, east of Downtown Cleveland. They have remained there since then, and today is still a popular concert club, with many national acts playing there when they stop in Cleveland. The present-day Agora has two rooms: a newly renovated [April, 2010] 500 capacity, standing-room-only ballroom with adjoining bar, and an 1800 seat theater. It is available for rentals, and is still playing host to nationally touring acts. Plans are underway to reopen the Backstage Café during the 2010 season. The Agora is the host of Cleveland based band Mushroomhead's annual Halloween show.

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