

Dear Friends and Family of Old Courthouse Theatre,

It gives us great pleasure to present to you our 46th Season and the opening of our box office for the purchase of Season Subscriptions. As with last season, this season's subscription will consist of four main stage productions. These four productions will run August through February as circumstances permit.

Godspell August 19-29, 2021

Blessed Assurance October 14-24, 2021

The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol December 2-12, 2021

Nana Does Vegas February 17-27, 2022

As we enter our 46th season of providing Concord and Cabarrus County with quality community theatre that entertains, enriches, and enlightens; we reflect on this past year of uncertainty and the ever-changing climate. We are thankful that we were able to present four main stage productions in person and keep live theatre going during a pandemic. We were only able to do this with your understanding and cooperation of social distancing, required masking and all of the other safety features that were put in place. You understood when we had to make frequent contact to move seats to maintain social distancing, when we had to change the scheduled *Mamma Mia!* to *Nonsense* and were supportive of our virtual presentations throughout the year. And our patrons helped the children in the community with toy donations for Toys for Tots in December. We surpassed our goal of 34 (double from the prior year) and with your donations we were able to provide 66 toys!! We will continue this drive in December and it is our wish to keep surpassing those goals as our community theatre supports the community.

Even though we were able to remain open during the pandemic, there was substantial loss of box office revenue with limited seating capacity and not being able to have our annual 10-Minute Play Festival in person or other in-person fundraisers throughout the season. With the discount that comes with a subscription purchase, OCT realizes a greater return from individual ticket sales, but the revenues from season subscriptions are what we depend on to carry us through the summer and provide an indicator of community support to sponsors and granting organizations we need to help us meet our annual budget each year. Your season subscription grants you membership in the organization as outlined in our By-Laws and gives you a voice and a vote at our annual meeting held each June. It also makes you eligible for nomination to the Board of Directors should you feel a calling to serve in that capacity.

Please note that this year, Old Courthouse Theatre will not have assigned seating for their shows. All seating will be first come – first served. This is being done for two reasons. We are planning on replacing the seats in the auditorium with the seats that were donated to us by Catawba College, in July. The configuration of the seating chart may change with the installation. Also, in the event that social distancing returns, we will not have to make constant calls to move seats. You will still select which performance you will attend, the seating will just be general admission. We know this is a change, and we will reevaluate assigned seating vs general admission for our 47th season. With the change in seats, we will need volunteers to assist. Please be on the lookout for notice of work calls, if you are able to help. Financial donations are also very helpful, as we may find the original floor needs repairs during the switchover. Donations can be made at any time through our website as a one-time donation or a recurring monthly donation. For our 46th season, we will also no longer offer Livestream versions of our shows as we did during the pandemic. With restrictions lifted, we will return to live theatre being just that – live and in person. We are grateful that so many of you were able to join us last year from home when coming in person to the theatre did not work for you or your household.

Lastly, OCT is bringing back Sponsorship Levels for the upcoming season. All Sponsors Names will be listed in the program and Sponsor Level Actor & above will receive tickets for Sponsor Night, the Wednesday of Opening Week for each of the four regular season shows.

The Sponsor Levels are as follows:

\$100+ FRIEND

\$300+ SUPPORTER

\$500+ ACTOR {2 Sponsor Night Seats}

\$1000+ LEAD {4 Sponsor Night Seats}

\$2500+ DIRECTOR {6 Sponsor Night Seats}

\$5000+ PRODUCER {10 Sponsor Night Seats}

We are also offering Corporate Sponsor Levels with other benefits and promotions. If you would like more information on your business becoming a Corporate Sponsor of OCT, please email us at

info@octconcord.com.

Thank you for your support of Old Courthouse Theatre. Whether you have never considered a season subscription before, or you are a long-time member of the Old Courthouse Theatre, I encourage you to join with us this year. Subscribe and help us ensure that Old Courthouse Theatre continues to serve Cabarrus County for another 46 years and beyond.

To purchase a season subscription, use this link <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?subscription=octc> Season subscriptions offer a 20% discount over individual ticket prices and if you renew your season subscription before 8/18/21 at 11:59 PM you'll receive an additional 5% off. Please remember if you were issued a gift certificate, enter the coupon code or pass code on the payment screen and click apply. If there is a balance due after the credit has been applied you can continue with the payment by credit card or PayPal. Also, if a particular day that you selected for a performance does not work with your schedule, please contact the box office (info@octconcord.com) and we can adjust your seats to a date that will.

We are looking forward to the season ahead!