

October 14, 2020

Dear Valued Patron,

Thanks to continued patronage from folks just like you, The Barn Dinner Theatre has remained the longest running dinner theatre in America. When we opened our doors in 1964 there was no way to know at that time that The Barn, here in Greensboro, North Carolina, would be the only location to still operate as originally designed with our unique *Magic Stage*. Through the years we've been able to bring you memorable productions such as the original "Love Machine: The Musical", "Smoke on the Mountain", "Ms. Mary & The Boys", "Church Basement Ladies", and "The Color Purple". There have also been many notable actors to perform on our stage. Robert De Niro and Mickey Rooney have been the most famous to continue their career after a stint on our *Magic Stage*; but we've also seen a few that have continued on to Broadway like Isaac Powell who has gone on to be seen in "West Side Story" and Gerald Caesar in "Choir Boy" and "A Bronx Tale".

Due to the recommendations issued by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and the Governor of North Carolina, The Barn Dinner Theatre made the difficult decision to temporarily suspend operations effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

We are so thankful for patrons who have reached out to ask if they can help during these unprecedented times. One way that you too can help is by donating your credited tickets from the 2020 Season. Of course, you can also help by making a donation to the Theatre Arts Fund to help cover continued fixed costs as well in hope that we can reopen safely when it is deemed possible. We are expecting many additional costs associated with this reopening. If you would like to do this you can email [boxoffice@bardinner.com](mailto:boxoffice@bardinner.com) with the subject line DONATE TO THEATRE ARTS.

At this point, we will plan to re-open as soon as it is safe to do so after the restrictions are lifted. We were hoping to continue operations in a limited capacity, but the ever-changing set of restrictions calculated to restrict contact with others makes it impossible to do so at this time. Please know we are doing our best in making the most appropriate decisions in taking care of our customers, actors, employees, and community during these difficult times. To protect our employee team from COVID-19 to the extent possible, our staff is working from home and will not be able to take incoming phone calls. If you choose to contact the box office you can reach them by email at [boxoffice@bardinner.com](mailto:boxoffice@bardinner.com). We appreciate your understanding and support.

If you have purchased tickets for performances or concerts between 3/17/20 - 12/31/20, an account credit (rain check) has been placed on your account. It is our goal to reschedule as many productions and concerts as possible into our 2021 Season. We will notify you with specific details once we are permitted to re-open. Once determined, if the new productions or concert dates do not work with your schedule, or if you are not yet ready to return to the theatre, your account credit will be valid for 2 years and can be applied towards a future reservation for a production of your choosing. If you are currently a gift card or flex pass holder with an expiration date that will occur within the year of 2020 we will be extending those as well to be valid through 2022.

Thank you for your support of our theatre for the past 56 years. We assure you that we will return even stronger after this worldwide pandemic subsides.

Our dedicated employee team and YOU have always been the heart of our business. We remain committed to offering you the amazing experience you have come to expect and deserve. As members of the National Dinner Theatre Association, we have learned from theatres that were permitted to re-open in their states the successful actions they have implemented into their daily operations. Our traditional Southern-Style buffet will be structured with Covid-19 safety in mind. Our goal is to do all we can to ensure a safe environment when we welcome you back to enjoy *Dinnertainment* once again.

We look forward to seeing you soon - happy, healthy, laughing, and clapping with friends and family, making memories while you *Play With Your Food* as it has been done within the walls of The Barn for the past 56 years.

Stay safe and well,

The Barn Dinner Theatre Management & Staff