

Hello, Theatre With A Twist Friend,

As we come to the fall of 2020, we find ourselves in a difficult position. First, we thank you for your continued support and dedication that have made our theatre organization a growing success over these past few years. Because of this, when Covid-19 hit, we were able to sustain ourselves for several months. Robin was able to take the concepts of virtual teaching into her hands and make Zoom a reality for many of our students. She has quadrupled the amount of work she does to get us where we are right now.

We anticipate getting together this fall to begin phasing in the existing theatre programs that should have performed earlier this year. We anticipate smaller shows with a smaller cast to keep our cast members and families safe in response to the limited number of individuals allowed in one space.

Covid-19 has had quite an impact on our theatre. Our 4 week summer camp programs were cut in half, our spring, summer and fall productions have been delayed, or cancelled, and the theatre has spent upwards of \$8000, in addition to regular expenses, to get our building updated to comply with the state and CDC standard guidelines.

This included having a consulting agency, that specializes in recommendations to facilitate the Covid-guidelines for continued work, assess and recommend adaptation of the theatre's programs and facility. The theatre also brought in professional companies to clean and sanitize ventilation air ducts, deep clean surfaces and install new bathroom sinks, as well as many other needs. Costs were also incurred as the theatre worked to make our outside play/performance areas useable, purchased required, fire-rated tents, cleaned out the costume and props rooms, removed old and unused sets, painted other high-usage set pieces, and established sanitation and social distancing areas throughout the theatre.

Through this all, there is still rent, electric, gas and insurance expenses, royalty costs for present shows, town permit fees and much more. Our overall costs have gone up dramatically. And, while summer camp staff were paid, Robin and administrative staff have graciously accepted a furlough of pay until further notice.

Together, we have accomplished so much more than is noted above. We are in a new normal but we should not allow this to get in the way of children and adults using our space to grow, learn about social skills, become better public speakers, build confidence and a team spirit, and have fun. We understand things have changed and we are striving to make the theatre better for all, including a future for updated, inclusive programming for youth and adults who require a different sensory environment for their growth in arts and culture; many of whom are actively involved in our ongoing productions as a result of receiving the positive attention that our programming provides. We find the arts do so much for the growth of everyone who participates - young and old.

Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to help our youth, and all of our other programs, grow in their arts, culture, and theatre endeavors. We are not at year end but the future of our program needs assistance to sustain its existence right now, during the pandemic. The theatre is self-sustaining and was not qualified for the recent SBA forgiveness programs. We ask that you

please consider **Theatre With A Twist, Inc.** in your philanthropy. Also if your company wishes, they sometimes can provide a matching gift to your donation as well.

Theatre With A Twist is a 501 (C) 3, tax deductible, non-profit organization. Our **tax-ID is 80-0598867**. As we move into the fall we want to be conscientious that you, your families, your employment and our environment has not been compromised. We foresee some of our pricing to be increased slightly but it all depends on sustaining donations at this point. The theatre strives to minimize our costs and asks for your help and consideration in this.

Donations can be made with a credit card via Paypal through our website [www.theatrewithatwist.org](http://www.theatrewithatwist.org) or by clicking here: [Donate](#).

Checks are also greatly appreciated and can be mailed to Theatre with a Twist, Inc. 278 Great Road, Acton, MA 01720

Again, thank you for your support.

**Our continued operations depend on private donations, programming fees and volunteer involvement. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation.**