



# THE PROVINCETOWN THEATER

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT





# A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

I am humbled to follow in David Wilson's shoes as president of the Provincetown Theater Board of Directors. David brought stability, consistency, and incredible energy to the Board. He brought in the talented David Drake to burnish our artistic offerings, and added skilled and dedicated new Board members. David hands me an institution poised for growth. Frankly, today, the journey that lies ahead for us is at once exciting and overwhelming.

That is why we are not allowing David Wilson to drift too far. David remains our Chairman of the Board to guide us and mentor us into our future. I would not have considered taking the helm without David's continued involvement.

Over the last four months, the Board of Directors initiated a strategic plan charting a course forward. We fine-tuned our Mission, our Vision, and our Core Principals. Chief among these is our renewed reliance on our legacy as the birthplace of American theater and our commitment to community partnerships.

The Provincetown Theater partners with FAWC, bringing new writers to our stage. We work with the Provincetown schools, giving our young people access to our creative space to express their American voices. We will continue to build on our relationships with local businesses, full-time residents, and the part-time community. All provide us with the support that sustains us.

The Provincetown Theater could not survive without you, our dedicated donors, patrons, and volunteers. Friends, thank you so much for your generous support when we asked for it. You put wind in our sails with over \$60,000 in donations this fall; more of you signed on as subscribers than ever before; you approved overwhelmingly of our artistic program, as evidenced by the Playbill Boston Awards we won.

We look ahead to an exciting 2023 season. The Provincetown Theater is a year-round theater. This winter, we bring you short plays and readings. In the spring, we begin our season of performances to include a summer musical and a range of quality entertainment. And, of course, we will return with the Townie Holiday Spectacular!

Best wishes and thanks,

Steve

Steve Fossella



# **BOARD**

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**Board President** Steve Fossella

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**Artistic Director**David Drake

Production Manager Ellen Rousseau

Technical
Director
Thomas Cover

Box Office Representative Sami Williams Facilities Maintenance Linda Ohlson Graham

**Theater Assistant**Peter Toto



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#### STRATEGIC PLANNING - NAVIGATING THE ROAD AHEAD

The Provincetown Theater Board of Directors undertook a significant strategic planning process – the first-ever for the Theater. The strategic plan's primary purpose is to help steer the organization into the future. An outside consulting firm specializing in organizational development guided the process, which included a two-day Board retreat with 100 percent participation and a full organizational assessment, environmental scan, and creation of a tactical plan for implementation.

Now, we are pleased to offer our supporters the first look at the Provincetown Theater's new Mission, Vision, and Core Operating Values!

#### **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to enrich, entertain, and educate by providing quality theater, events, and programming celebrating our historic legacy in the birthplace of American theater. We are a safe and creative outlet for illuminating our common humanity on Outer Cape Cod and beyond.

#### **OUR VISION**

The Provincetown Theater aspires to create and incubate memorable and meaningful theater experiences, programs, and events recognizing American voices. We strive to cultivate connection and empower a multiplicity of thought.

#### **CORE OPERATING VALUES**

- » The Provincetown Theater believes in creating, developing, and sustaining impactful, evocative, and authentic theater experiences honoring the rich plethora of American voices.
- » We believe that creating theater builds community.
- » We believe that community collaboration and partnerships are hallmarks of our programming both on-stage and off-stage.
- » We believe in a strong and safe institution where all individuals are treated with respect and allowed to work in a safe and supportive environment.
- » We believe our Theater requires continual fiscal responsibility, strategic planning, internal accountability, and innovative thinking among Board, staff, artists, and designers to provide a strong institution and a foundation for growth.

#### STRATEGIC IMPERATIVES

- » Diversifying our revenue.
- » Maximizing local partnerships.
- » Finding ways to amplify our brand and image.
- » Investing in our staff.
- » Developing a succession plan for our Board.
- » A renewed commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion at all levels of our organization.

#### **OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS**



We look forward to sharing more updates with you as the year unfolds!





# **2022 SEASON IN REVIEW**

#### THE DRAG

Pictured (Right to left around the table): Nicholas Dorr, David Drake, Bill Salem, Dian Hamilton, Katie Pentedemos, Thom Markee, David Chick, Alex Juchin, Paul E Halley, Jameson Redding, Racine Oxtoby, Nathan Butera, Stephen Carey, Will Oxtoby, William Mullin



#### THE LADY HAMLET



Pictured: Anne Stott, Kate Levy, John Shuman

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#### **JERKER**

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Pictured: Joe MacDougall (above), Stephen Walker (below)

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#### THE HUMANS



Pictured: Dian Hamilton, Laura Scribner, Jadah Carroll, Danica Iensen

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#### **TINY BEAUTIFUL THINGS**

Pictured: Anne Stott

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# A NOTE FROM ARTISTIC DIRECTOR DAVID DRAKE

This year is a huge touchstone of a birthday. We celebrate our 60th year! During this historic season, I promise to continue my mission of producing a diversity of shows which I believe have the power to expand our souls by entertaining and enlightening our minds and hearts. At the same time, we'll stay the course set by our pioneering ancestors in extending the living legacy of Provincetown as the birthplace of modern American Theater by telling theatrical stories that make a difference in the world; stories that matter. That is something I know our community values.

I genuinely look forward to seeing you and serving you as we venture together into this momentous 60th year of the Provincetown Theater.

#### Provincetown Theater Wins Multiple BroadwayWorld Awards

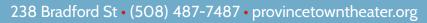
The Provincetown Theater took home several 2022 regional Broadway World Boston awards including:

Best New Play or Musical (Professional)
- The Lady Hamlet

Best Performer in α Play (Professional)
- Jennifer Van Dyck, The Lady Hamlet

Best Supporting Performer in a Play (Non-Professional)
- Scott Cunningham, The Drag









#### **IN YOUR WORDS**

"The shows—from choosing to staging—are wonderful."

"The sets and variety of seating plans for the shows keeps things interesting."

"The artistic standards are high."

"The theater presents a comfortable atmosphere and first rate performances. Entertaining...enlightening... thought provoking!"

"Quality acting and productions."

#### **VOLUNTEER WITH US!**

Huge thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make 2022 our best season yet! You can help us with world -building, as an usher or greeter, just to name a few. Feel free to contact operations@provincetowntheater.org to inquire.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

August 13, 2023
Annual Provincetown Playwright Awards
(PAPA) at the Provincetown Inn

October 21, 2023
Special Town Hall Reading with
Playwright Peter Kennedy





# **THANK YOU DONORS!**

The Provincetown Theater gratefully acknowledges the incredible generosity of our donors whose annual support enables us to continue doing our important work, in the local community and beyond.

# Producers Club (\$2500+)

Dianne Webber • Jill & Jane Rothenberg-Simmons • Jon Murray & Harvey Reese - The Murray Reese Foundation • Jill Botway • Jack Hudson • Margarita Rudyak • Alix Ritchie • Ross Ozer & Scott Gortikov • William T Farmer\* • Maria Lopez • Donald Vaughan • Rob Compton & David Wilson

#### Directors Club (\$1000+)

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