



FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

In a play, from the beginning, you have to realize that you're preparing something which is going into the hands of other people, unknown at the time you're writing it . -T .S . Eliot

I cannot imagine both the thrill and anxiety playwrights feel when they complete a script and sit back and wait for it to be performed . A play is not just words on a page; it is a living and breathing expression of the human experience .

Every time a play is performed, it is a new experience that cannot be replicated; the combination of director, performers, artistic staff and audience will never be exactly the same . I find that intriguing . In our 9th summer season, our shows run the gamut from farce to thriller . Our goal is to provide a range of theatre experiences for both family audiences as well as shows that appeal to more mature tastes .

Much like T .S . Eliot, I can't help thinking about James Nufer and Frank Adams and the community that had a vision for a community theatre . What would they think about their legacy? With our 100th anniversary right around the corner, the Howmet Playhouse remains a vital performing arts center . As with any aging building, the Grand Old Lady is in need of extensive renovations to improve safety and accessibility . Muskegon County is considering a new Quality of Life millage in 2016 . There will be several meetings around the county to discuss the plans and it is our goal to have the Historic Howmet Playhouse included in the proposal .

We ask you to support this initiative . We are the caretakers of this historic playhouse . It is up to us to preserve it .

Beth Beaman