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Subject: FW: Invitation to the Nebraska Communities Playhouse and The Stage Theater

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Subject: Invitation to the Nebraska Communities Playhouse and The Stage Theater

Deb,

The Board of Directors of the Nebraska Communities Playhouse and The Stage Theater in Hickman would like to invite you to our latest production of Honk, Jr. that runs from May 10-13 and May 17-20.

Some background and interesting facts about our community theater.

The Stage Theater was established in early 2013 by people interested in theater from the communities of southern Lancaster County (primarily the ones comprising the Norris School District). It is an all-volunteer, non profit live theater that is located in an old 1920's era converted lumberyard in downtown Hickman, and supports people interested in theater and the arts from the communities of Hickman, Roca, Firth, Cortland, Princeton, Holland, Panama, Sprague, and Hallam. Due to its close proximity to south Lincoln (less than 10 minutes by car) it also supports our capital city.

Since opening in September 2013, the theater has successfully completed 25 productions, with nearly every seat in its 122 person auditorium sold out (since the theater is smaller, many additional performances have had to be added to meet the demand). Since opening nearly 30,000 seats have been sold with people coming from not only our supported communities but also sixty-four Nebraska counties, twenty-eight States, and seventeen foreign countries. A review of the ten best live theaters in the State of Nebraska rated The Stage Theater as number five best theater, which was a very nice complement to the over 300 actors and actresses that have graced our stage, especially considering we are the only theater in the top ten that does not own its theater building or have any full-time paid staff.

In 2016 a second non profit, all volunteer organization, the Nebraska Communities Playhouse was established to help alleviate the intense demands on its volunteers to run both the community theater facility and production company putting on the plays. The division of labor is The Stage Theater puts on the plays and the Nebraska Communities Playhouse manages the playhouse facility. This division of labor has also freed The Stage Theater to take its productions to other outstate theaters in what we call The Stagecoach. Last year's Stagecoach production of Drowsy Chaperone played to nearly sold-out audiences in Gothenburg, Central City, and Ravenna, and this July's production of 'Bonnie and Clyde' will be performed in both the Hickman playhouse and playhouses in the cities of Gothenburg and West Point, Nebraska.

As our county commissioner, we would love to have you as our guest - see a live production and meet some of the volunteer staff and performers that make all the magic on The Stage a reality.

Performances of Honk Jr. run from 7:30 - 9:30 pm on Thursday through Saturday (May 10-12 and May 17-19), with a 2:00 pm matinee on Sunday (May 13 and 20). If you can attend, please let us know which day works best for you. The tickets for your family members are complementary (please let us know the number you desire).

Thank you for all your many years of service as our County Commissioner and we look forward to meeting and seeing you at our communities' playhouse.

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