## Letter from the President

## Dear Patron,

The entire Schoolhouse community is thrilled to be able to offer live theater once again. Schoolhouse was the first main stage theater in Southern Maine to offer a full cast musical this summer with the production of Elf, the Musical. It was a great success and audiences voiced their appreciation for the opportunity to bring their families to a live performance once again. They said the experience felt "normal".

Now, the surge in Covid-19 once again threatens our ability to offer live shows. The Board of Directors at Schoolhouse take the safety of our patrons, cast and crew very seriously, and want to offer a safe environment for all to enjoy these shows. Therefore, following guidelines set forth from the Federal and Maine CDCs, we have changed our Covid policies. As of September 12, 2021, all patrons need to show either proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test in order to enter the building. In addition, masks are to be worn the entire time patrons are in the building. Patrons are encouraged to eat and drink outside during intermissions. These measures are completely in keeping with policies at other live venues, especially theaters in Maine where social distancing is simply not practical.

The Board of Directors greatly appreciates your cooperation on these matters. We are doing everything possible to be able to offer live performances to the community. We will continue to follow Covid recommendations from the CDC and will amend these policies when appropriate.

Sincerely,

Gregory Pomeroy, M.D. President Board of Directors Schoolhouse Arts