



Curtain Call

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Season Updates Changes & Cancellations

We at the Stage Company are saddened we were unable to honor our generous donors with our annual Donor Appreciation Gala. Thank you for your continued support.

Sadly, the following productions are postponed, to be rescheduled at a time to be determined:

- 1984
- *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged, Revised*

We will update the membership with any decisions/changes to the remaining Season 39 season productions and Second Stage Reader's Theatre selections.

Fundraiser Raffle

At the beginning of quarantine, the Stage Company Executive Council elected to purchase gift cards (totaling \$1500) from local businesses with the goal of helping small businesses weather quarantine.

But, this has an added bonus for our members and donors! We will be raffling off those gift cards in packages (10 packages of gift cards with a value of \$150 for each package). Tickets may be purchased until 11:59 p.m. October 31st, with the drawing in November. Ticket price is 1 ticket/\$5 or 6 tickets/\$25. You may purchase tickets via email and pay using cash, check, or Paypal.

Membership Renewal & Updated Policy

Enclosed you will find a membership form for our 2020-21 season.

A new policy has been implemented, via your donation to The Stage Company. If you donate \$40, you automatically qualify for a single membership. If you donate \$75 or more, you automatically qualify for a family membership.

Upcoming Spooky Saturdays

Spooky Saturdays with The Stage Company will be a collection of spooky tales, stories, poems, Halloween history, scary movie reviews, spooky snack recipes and creepy craft ideas.

Each Saturday in October will feature different spooky, Halloween content. It will be presented every Saturday in October through the Stage Company's Facebook page and will also be posted to a YouTube channel.

If you would like to volunteer as part of the Spooky Saturdays team, please contact Brandyn McGhee at brandynpmcghee@gmail.com



THE STAGE COMPANY IS WORKING DILIGENTLY TO DETERMINE THE BEST WAY OF CONTINUING TO BRING ART TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE AGE OF COVID 19.

*Stage Company
Council*

Officer Updates

Please welcome our new Stage Company Coordinators Clint Inman and Sarah Alley to the Council!

Current Stage Company Council members:

President: Susan McLernon

VP of Productions: Brandyn McGhee

VP of Operations: Jodie Salazar

Secretary: Jeff Keasler-Bird

Treasurer: Antonio Salazar

Box Office Coordinator: Elise Wheaton

House Coordinator: Sarah Alley

Publications Coordinator: Clint Inman

Public Relations Coordinator: Todd Brown

IIA. DIVERSITY STATEMENT

You are the Jackson County Stage Company!

You are welcome. You can be yourself. Come create with us.

The Jackson County Stage Company, as a nonprofit community theatre organization, is committed to model diversity and inclusion in our region. We respect and value diverse life experiences and heritages, strive toward equitable treatment of all people, and support those who nurture diversity and equity while sharing our dedication to creating and maintaining an inclusive environment for all.

We seek a membership and leadership that reflects the fullness and richness of our diverse community where each person feels empowered to be their full authentic selves. Our goal is to create a welcoming culture or environment that is collaborative, supportive, and respectful for all people regardless of race, religion, gender identity, gender expression, sex, sexual orientation, age, status, or physical ability.

1. We pledge to reflect diversity in our leadership, membership, and in our artistic efforts, whether on stage or behind the scenes.
2. We pledge to invest more time and effort into equipping Directors with clear opportunities to create more inclusive spaces and with guidance on how to foster healthy communication which is sensitive and nurturing and which assists in developing and maintaining a mentally safe environment.
3. We pledge to offer more training, which will expand skill sets for an increasingly diverse group of people from which to draw upon, creating more spaces and opportunities to participate in our artistic and leadership endeavors.

We are stronger together.

You are the Jackson County Stage Company.

The Jackson County Stage Company is you.

Important Upcoming Events

- The October General Member's meeting is scheduled for October 19th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. An invitation will be sent via email.

If you, or anyone you know, has items of interest to add to the newsletter, or would like to receive this newsletter by email, please contact Jodie Salazar at vpoperations@stagecompany.org.

If you would like to donate to The Stage Company: please visit: <https://stagecompany.org/support-us/> or donations may be sent to P.O. Box 463, Carbondale IL 62903.