WE ARE CHICAGO THEATRE.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to the League of Chicago Theatres’ annual report. 2017-2018 has been a banner year for the League. As you can see in the box to the right, we expanded our work to include initiatives that address the inequities in Chicago theatre through training that examines the past and imagines a future that is equitable and inclusive. We received a grant from ComEd (renewed for 2019) that provided much needed support to organizations wishing to reach underserved audiences and we created a new website for Hot Tix making it easier for theatres to put shows on Hot Tix and for users to navigate.

This year, The league completed our first strategic plan in 10 years. It took the entire year because we wanted to engage our membership fully and we wanted to make sure that we would have something that would guide us through the next few years with a deep sense of purpose. We think we have achieved those goals. If you would like to see the strategic plan, you will find it at leagueofchicagtheatres.org under the resources tab.

You will see throughout this report that our work promoting and supporting Chicago theatre, providing valuable professional development and advocating for our theatres continues, and our mission remains:

Theatre is essential to the life of a great city and to its citizens. The League of Chicago Theatres is an alliance of theatres, which leverages its collective strength to support, promote and advocate for Chicago’s theatre industry. Through our work, we ensure that theatre continues to thrive in our city.

We are immensely grateful to everyone who makes this work possible, to all of our constituents, our theatres who put the faith in us to do this work and to you for taking the time to have a look at our report.

Most sincerely,

Deb Clapp
Executive Director

NEW THIS YEAR

Hot Tix Website
We launched our user-friendly e-commerce site. New users are up 18% over the previous year.

Anti-Racism Training
50 participants trained in the first ever training of this kind, specifically for Chicago theatres.

ComEd Grants
ComEd provided $120,000 in new grants for reaching underserved audiences and were granted through the League.

LOCT Strategic Plan
We completed the first plan in 10 years.
WE ARE WELCOMING

Throughout the year the League works to engage audiences across the city to provide information and access.

CHICAGO THEATRE WEEK
12,500 tickets were sold to 115 participating shows during our 6th Annual Chicago Theatre Week.

CITY FESTIVALS
The League participates in festivals throughout Chicago including Andersonville Arts Fest, Square Roots, Christkindlmarket and Hyde Park Jazz Festival.

“We could not have gone to all three plays without the reduced ticket price. Thank you for helping us enjoy the art of theater.”

ENGAGING COLLEGE STUDENTS
SmarTix offers free theatre tickets to college students. We sent 50 offers to 2,542 subscribers.

HOT TIX
For forty years, Hot Tix has been the flagship service of the League, providing audiences with a low priced option to see theatre and a place where theatres can reach new theatre-goers.

“Chicago Theatre Week was amazing! There is so much fabulous theatre in Chicago and this makes it accessible for all of us.”

Midsommer Flight performs at Christkindlmarket

Hot Tix theatre genius Damian White at the Argyle Night Market
WE ARE AWE INSPIRING

Engaging with our community in ways large and small, the League works to involve all Chicagoans in theatre.

9TH ANNUAL AUGUST WILSON MONOLOGUE COMPETITION
1200 students from across the city participate in programs that introduce them to one of the greatest American playwrights.

ANNUAL LEAGUE GALA
Our gala raised $72,000 for League operations this year. It was a wonderful evening honoring Steve Scott, Dorothy Milne, Amina Dickerson and emerging theatre Broken Nose Theatre. Chicago legend E. Faye Butler entertained the capacity crowd.

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CHICAGO GREEN THEATRE ALLIANCE
Continuing the work of making Chicago theatre more green, the alliance collected 1.2 tons of ewaste and an equal amount of textiles to be recycled.

Strategic Planning Engagement
We worked with our community throughout the year, holding focus groups and fielding surveys to craft a strategic plan representative of their needs and vision for the future of Chicago theatre.

Chicago finalists Nia Safro, Chisom Chima and Evan Simpson

Ted Hoerl, E. Faye Butler and Steve Scott at the League gala

Victor Musini performing his Monologue at the August Wilson Monologue Competition
WE ARE BRAVE

Professional Development programs provide valuable tools and resources to our members as well as opportunities to build community.

**WORKSHOPS**

**ANTI-RACISM TRAINING**
This year we began the ongoing work of providing our members with the tools to combat racism in their lives and their institutions.

**EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR THEATRE LEADERS**
Now in its 8th year, this popular workshop helps theatre leaders acquire new management skills and strategies.

**NETWORKING**

**INTERN NETWORKING**
Interns from across the city come together for an evening of networking with their peers and learning from working professionals.

**MEET THE FUNDERS**
This opportunity gives development professionals and theatre leaders a chance to learn directly from funders about what makes a great partnership.

**MARKETING AND MARGARITAS**
Marketing directors come together for a fun evening of networking and a lively exchange of ideas.

“Thank you for facilitating this event. Workshops like this bring us together and strengthen our community.”
—Erasing Racism Workshop Attendee
WE ARE THANKFUL

Our many generous donors make our work possible; we are tremendously grateful to them. Our gratitude also goes to our trustees, who lead our community, and our staff, who push the League forward every day.

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MEMBER LIST

(re)discovery theatre
16th Street Theater
20% Theatre Company Chicago
2nd Act Players
A Red Orchid Theatre
About Face Theatre
Actors Gymnasium
Adventure Stage Chicago
Aguijon Theater Company
Akvavit Theatre
American Blues Theater
Annoyance Theatre
Apollo Theater
Artemisia, A Chicago Theatre
AstonRep Theatre Company
Athenaeum Theatre
Babes With Blades Theatre Company
Barrel of Monkeys
Belmont Theater District
Beverly Theatre Guild
Bienen School of Music
Black Button Eyes Productions
Black Ensemble Theater
Blair Thomas & Co
Blue Man Group
Bluebird Arts
BoHo Theatre
BrightSide Theatre
Broadway In Chicago
Broken Nose Theatre
Brown Paper Box Co.
Buffalo Theatre Ensemble
Chicago Children's Theatre
Chicago Danztheatre Ensemble
Chicago Dramatists
Chicago Heights Drama Group
Chicago Humanities Festival
Chicago Latino Theater Alliance
Chicago Opera Theater
Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Chicago Theater Works
Chopin Theatre
Citadel Theatre Company
City Lit Theater Company Collaboration
Compass Creative Dramatics
Corn Productions at Conservatory Court Theatre
Definition Theatre
DePaul School of Music
Dominican University Performing Arts
Drury Lane Theatre
Eclipse Theatre Company
Emerald City Theatre
Erasing the Distance
Facility Theatre
FAM Entertainment Theater Company
Filament Theatre
First Floor Theater
First Folio Theatre
Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre
Free Street Theater
Fremont Street Theater Company
Gezi Theatre Center at Columbia College Chicago
Ghostlight Ensemble Theatre Company
Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company
Goodman Theatre
Grant Park Music Festival
Greenhouse Theater Center
Griffin Theatre Company
Harold Washington Cultural Center
Harris Theater for Music and Dance
Haven Theatre Company
Hell in a Handbag Productions
Her Story Theater
Idle Muse Theatre Company
International Voices Project Interrobang Theatre Project
IO Theater
Jackalope Theatre Company
Jam Theatricals
James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts
Jedlicka Performing Arts Center
Joseph Jefferson Awards Committee
Kokandy Productions
Lifeline Theatre
Links Hall
Lira Ensemble
Lookingglass Theatre Company
Lyric Opera of Chicago
MadKap Productions
Marriott Theatre
MCA Stage
McAninch Arts Center
Metropolis Performing Arts Centre
Midsummer Flight
Mudlark Theatre Company
Music Theater Works
Newhart Family Theatre
North Central College Fine and Performing Arts
North Shore Center For The Performing Arts
Northlight Theatre
Nothing Without a Company
Nuns4Fun Entertainment
Oak Park Festival Theatre
Oakton Community College Performing Arts Center
Oil Lamp Theatre
Organic Theater Company
Paramount Theatre
Pegasus Theatre Chicago
Petite Opera Productions
Piven Theatre Workshop
Pivot Arts
Porchlight Music Theatre
Pride Films and Plays
Promethean Theatre Ensemble
Prop Thtr
Rasaka Theatre
Raven Theatre Company
Red Tape Theatre Company
Red Theater Chicago
Redtwist Theatre
Refuge Theatre Project
Rembrandt Chamber Musicians
Remy Bumpo Theatre Company
Rivendell Theatre Ensemble
Royal George Theatre Center
Saint Sebastian Players
Saltbox Theatre Collective
Shattered Globe Theatre
ShawChicago
Sideshow Theatre Company
Silk Road Rising
Skokie Park District
Devonshire Playhouse
SoloChicago Theatre Company
Something Marvelous
STAGE
Stage 773
Stage Left Theatre
Steep Theatre Company
Steppenwolf Theatre Company
Strawdog Theatre Company
Teatro Vista
The Abrams Group, LLC & Kicky Productions
The Agency Theater Collective
The Artistic Home
The Auditorium Theatre
The Chicago Theatre
The Commission Theatre Co.
The Comrades
The Conspirators
The Cuckoo’s Theater Project
The Degenerates
The Den Theatre

The Factory Theater
The Gift Theatre
The House Theatre of Chicago
The Joffrey Ballet
The Mercury Theater
The Neo-Futurists
The New Colony
The Plagiarists
The Revival
The Rising Stars Theatre Co.
The Second City
the side project
The Theatre Conservatory at Roosevelt University’s Chicago College of Performing Arts
The Theatre School at DePaul University
Theater on the Lake: The Chicago Summer Theater Festival
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Theater Wit
Theatre Above The Law
Theatre Y
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Three Brothers Theatre
TimeLine Theatre Company
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UIC Theatre
Underscore Theatre Company
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Victory Gardens Theater
Waltzing Mechanics
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Waterfront Cafe & Summer Stages
What’s Cookin’ LLC
Williams Street Repertory
Wilmette Children’s Theatre
Windy City Playhouse
Wirtz Center at Northwestern University
Writers Theatre