

# STAGE COACH PLAYERS

Dear Mayor and Aldermen:

The Stage Coach Players Community Theatre is the second oldest community theatre in Illinois. We have been performing in the DeKalb area for over 70 years and have often performed at the Egyptian Theatre. We believe that a venue such as the Egyptian Theatre is necessary and a vital option for a performance space in DeKalb County and that it is time for a climate control system in this beautiful and historic space. #ItsTimeFor12Months.

Having directed at the Egyptian Theatre, I can personally say that there is nothing like experiencing a sold-out school audience at the Egyptian. Performing for over 1200 children eagerly watching a live theatrical performance is exhilarating to actors as well as the production team. These types of performances are not only exciting as an actor, but also provide children with an opportunity to see live theatre on a professional stage in their own hometown. As a theatre artist the Egyptian provides an opportunity to work on a historic stage with a working fly space, as well as working with up-to-date technology such as lighting and sound.

Stage Coach Players has performed such shows as *South Pacific*; *Brigadoon*; *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*; *Seussical, the Musical*; and *High School Musical*. We are very excitedly planning to perform the 2019 spring musical *Little Mermaid* at the Egyptian. We have often talked of doing a show at the Egyptian during the summer months; however, we worry about the audience attendance in extremely warm weather not to mention the stress on the actors and musicians performing in severe weather circumstances. Heat not only affects people in terms of perspiration but in memory and reaction time. Musical instruments do not react well to temperature extremes. Technology also reacts poorly to temperature extremes.

It is our hope that the City Council of DeKalb will understand the importance of climate control and air conditioning in this historic performance space. Stage Coach knows that air conditioning will not only help preserve this venue, architecturally, but also help with the workings of modern technology and provide a comfort level for the audience and cast and crew. We stand with the Egyptian Theatre. #ItsTimeFor12Months

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