

Dimensions Dance Academy
134 E. Lincoln Hwy.
DeKalb, IL 60115



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Dear Mayor and Members of the Council of the City of DeKalb:

I am a DeKalb native and a dancer who has been performing at the Egyptian Theatre over the last thirty years. The Egyptian Theatre holds a special place in my heart, as it has been, and continues to be such a big part of my life.

I grew up dancing and performing with a couple different local dance studios and I now am the owner of my own studio, Dimensions Dance Academy. I have carried on the tradition of bringing dancers and their families to the beautiful, historic Egyptian Theatre. Our annual recital is held at the end of June and due to the lack of air conditioning at the theatre, the heat in the summer months is almost unbearable. Not only is it miserable for audience members who have come to enjoy watching their children on stage, but it can also be dangerous for our dancers who are performing. Between the rigorous athleticism, the heat from the stage lights, and no air conditioning in the facility, we have had to take extra measures to ensure dancers stay cool and hydrated during these performances.

I have looked into other venues to hold our dance productions, but dancers just can't get the same "theatre experience" at other places such as auditoriums. We are so lucky to have this gem in our community and we need to do what we can to preserve it and make sure it survives for many, many years to come.

I can't imagine what effects the heat and humidity have on this historic building. It would be such a shame for the plasterwork and paint to be ruined due to the lack of air conditioning. If the theatre was able to book more during the summer months, the economic benefits would be huge, as the businesses thrive when the theatre brings in the number of patrons that they do. Our downtown could be a much more lively place in the summer months for members of our community and a place where outsiders would love to visit.

I strongly encourage council to approve the TIF funds needed to move forward with this project. The Egyptian Theatre is a staple not only in the performing arts community, but in our community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Miranda Cordes
Owner/Director
Dimensions Dance Academy