

To: Mrs. Nancy Ruscio, Superintendent, Homer Central School District
Mr. Ty Marshall, Executive Director, Center for the Arts of Homer

From: Mr. William S. Locke 

Re: Community Theater/Benefit Project

Date: August 10, 2016

I am proposing that the Center for the Arts of Homer and the Homer Central School District collaborate to produce a fund-raising activity that will benefit both the students of the Homer Central School District and the greater Homer community. This will be a true community theater event in the truest sense of that phrase, for it will involve people of all ages from the entire area getting together volunteering their time to perform a labor of love with all proceeds being used to help students in the areas of the artistic and performing arts.

On July 21, 22 and 23, 2017 (or the weekend AFTER Holiday in Homer) I propose that we host a local production of the Broadway musical **Annie** in the newly renovated Homer High School Auditorium to be performed under the auspices of Center Players, a community theater program at the Center for the Arts of Homer. All meetings, auditions and rehearsals would be held at the Center until July 11, 2017 when we would bring the set to the auditorium and assemble it. The actors would start rehearsals at the high school on July 13, 2017 with the entire area returned to its July 10 condition by July 24, 2017. In other words, the auditorium and a few classrooms (changing areas) will only be tied up for two weeks.

All revenues and expenses will be handled by the Center, which is a registered non-profit entity. Upon completion of the project a full accounting will be made to a joint oversight committee comprised of three representatives from the Homer School and three representatives from the Center as appointed by the superintendent and the executive director of each group. The committee will oversee the distribution of profits from the production and make recommendations on any future collaborative endeavors.

All proceeds will be used to fund scholarships for students from the Homer Central School District to engage in arts activities at the Center for the Arts of Homer. For example, the district may have a talented student whose family cannot afford private drawing lessons. The committee may arrange for funding to assist that student. Other talented students at Homer may not be able to afford dance lessons, but upon approval by the committee they would be able to take lessons at the Center. The same idea would be extended to voice lessons, piano lessons and the like as approved by the oversight committee.

The production staff would consist of:

- Mr. William S. Locke, Director
- Mr. Greg McQuade, Musical Director
- Mrs. Nikki Zeches O'Donnell, Choreographer
- Dr. Marina Gorelaya, Pianist

The responsibilities of the Homer Central School District would be:

- 1) To provide the performance facilities.
- 2) To provide lighting and sound equipment.
- 3) To provide the production staff access to the building for the two weeks we would be at the school.
- 4) To appoint three individuals who will represent the school on the oversight committee.

The responsibilities of the Center for the Arts of Homer would be:

- 1) To provide pre-production, audition and rehearsal facilities.
- 2) To provide box office facilities for ticket distribution.
- 3) To provide accounting services for all revenue and expenses.
- 4) To provide producing expertise.
- 5) To provide funding for pre-production expenses such as royalties and rehearsal materials.
- 6) To appoint three members to the oversight committee.

It takes a long time to plan an activity of this magnitude. As such, we respectfully ask that a decision be made by September 15, 2016 so that we may proceed in accordance with that decision.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at:

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Adjudicator for the Rochester Broadway Theatre League "Stars of Tomorrow" Program
Cabaret Entertainer for Senior Groups, Nursing Homes and Community Service Organizations.

Director for Hornell Rotary Club

"Man of La Mancha"
"Hello, Dolly!"
"Carousel"
"The Music Man"
"Fiddler on the Roof"
"Peter Pan"
"My Fair Lady"
"Annie" 1992 & 2012

Director for Olean Community Theatre

"Li'l Abner"
"1776"
"That Championship Season"
"Come Blow Your Horn"
"Fiddler on the Roof"

Director for Arkport Central School

"Oklahoma!"
"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"
"Cinderella"
"The King and I"
"Li'l Abner"
"The Music Man"
"Annie"
"Fiddler on the Roof"
"Peter Pan"
"101 Dalmatians"
"Aladdin, Jr."
"Bye, Bye, Birdie"
"Hello, Dolly!"
"Broadway and Beyond"

Performer

"Man of La Mancha"- Don Quixote in
3 different productions
"Carousel"- Billy Bigelow
"The Fantasticks"- Hucklebee
"Oklahoma!"- Will Parker
"Peter Pan"- Captain Hook
"Brigadoon"- Jeff Douglas
"Li'l Abner"- Abner Yokum
"Company"- ensemble
"Picnic"- Alan
"Murder in the Cathedral"-ensemble
"The Mousetrap"- Trotter
"My Fair Lady"- ensemble
"Carousel"- Starkeeper/Principal
"Wait Until Dark"- Sam Hendrix
"Musical Chairs"- Joe Preston
"Annie"- Bert Healey
"Camelot"- Merlyn

Director for Westfield Schools

"Barefoot in the Park"

Producer for Olean Community Theatre

"My Fair Lady"
"Carousel"
"Brigadoon"
"Annie"
"Oklahoma!"

Director/Producer @ Homer Center for the Arts

"101 Dalmatians"
"Broadway and Beyond"
"Worst Play..."

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STATUS Retired.

EDUCATION Master of Science in Educational Administration (M.S.Ed.), May 1986. (4.0/4.0)
Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), May 1982. (3.9/4.0)
Bachelor of Science (B.S.), May 1975. (3.56/4.0) *Magna Cum Laude*.
St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, New York.

EXPERIENCE

8/1/15-10/1/15 Interim Elementary Principal of Cincinnatus Elementary School.

8/2012-2/2013 Interim Elementary Principal of Tully Elementary School. Certified as a Lead Evaluator.

2000 to 2010 Superintendent of Schools, Arkport Central School. Duties include running the entire school district. As part of this job I also served as the District Business Manager and as the District Transportation Supervisor.

1988 to 2000 K-12 Building Principal, Arkport Central School. Duties included the supervision of staff and students in a K-12 situation. In short, I ran the building.

1982 to 1988 Instructor of Economics, School of Business, St. Bonaventure University. Duties included preparation and presentation of lessons on budgeting, public relations, marketing concepts, statistical analysis and spreadsheet analysis. Also performed student advisement duties and participated in committee work.

1977 to 1988 Assistant Manager, Cinemas IV, Olean Center Mall. This was part-time. Duties included supervision of employees, running the physical plant and public relations.

1976 to 1982 Science Chairman of Hinsdale Central School. Duties included budgeting, instruction of five science courses and supervision of other teachers.

ACHIEVEMENTS Upon retirement from the Arkport Central School District the District named the school's performing arts center in my honor.

I have been honored to be the recipient of three high school yearbook dedications, once at Hinsdale Central School and twice at Arkport Central School.

My school was named "One of the Best High Schools in the United States" by *U.S. News and World Report* from 2007-2010.

Given the "Arts Partnership Award" by the ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes in 2008.

My district was named a "High Performing District" every year, while our School District Report Card contained nothing but green checkmarks.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

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Elected to the New York State Council of School Superintendents House of Delegates for the 2005-2009 school years.

Elected as the Fine Arts Liaison for the Steuben-Allegany BOCES Superintendent's Advisory Council from 2004 to 2010.

Appointed to the CTE, Health Care and School Boards Association Committees in regard to facilitating the merger of the S-A and SCT BOCES organizations in 2005.

Elected treasurer of the Steuben County School Boards Association from 2002 to 2010.

Elected president of the Steuben Area Schools Self-funded Health Care Committee from 2002 to 2010.

Have developed and overseen a \$7.8 million building project, a \$10.1 million building project and a \$500,000 building project.

Appointed to the Special Education Advisory Committee for Steuben-Allegany BOCES from 2000 to 2005.

Appointed to the GST BOCES Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee from 2006 to 2010.

Appointed as an adjudicator for the Rochester Broadway Theatre League from 1999 to 2012.

Appointed as an adjudicator for the New York State Zone American Legion Public Speaking Contest from 1998 to the present.

Created and ran the Hornell Rotary Club Summer Musical Program from 1992 to 2000.

Chairman of the Cattaraugus County Constitutional Bicentennial Program in 1987.

Olean Child Development Center Board of Directors from 1986 to 1988.

Named in 1986 as one of the top five teachers at St. Bonaventure University.

McGraw-Edison Award as the outstanding science teacher in Cattaraugus County in 1979.

Charter member of the Olean Community Theatre Board of Directors (1979-1989).

President of the Hinsdale United Teachers from 1978 to 1981.

Elected to Delta Epsilon Sigma (college level honor society).

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ACTIVITIES

Director and producer of numerous theatrical productions; seminar coordinator; announcer for numerous athletic contests; make presentations to nursing homes, community service groups, charitable organizations, senior citizen's groups and adult day care facilities; New York State Council of School Superintendents; Hornell Rotary Club; judge for public speaking contests; moderator for Academic All-Stars; and consultant for sound and lighting reinforcement.

HOBBIES

Photography, videography, home improvement, performing for community service groups, drama and musical activities.

REFERENCES

- Mr. Jay Bouchard, retired S-A BOCES District Superintendent of Schools
(607) 324-7543 (H)
- Mr. John Lynch, Esq., current ACS legal counsel
(607) 797-4839 (W)
- Ms. Teri Holbert, Center for the Arts of Homer
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- Mr. Orville Boden, current Steuben Area Schools Health Plan Consultant
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