## **ILLIAMSTOWN THEATRE FESTIVA**

Dear [Name],

Lately, it seems everything is so negative, including, thankfully, my regular Covid test results. While I'm grateful for this particular kind of negativity, I'm ready for some positive news in other aspects of my life. I wonder if you're feeling the same.

If you are, then I am pleased to share with you this very positive news: this summer, the Williamstown Theatre Festival is back indoors, on the Main and Nikos Stages at Williams College's '62 Center for Theatre and Dance.

The 2022 Williamstown Theatre Festival season includes the return of our beloved Late-Night Cabarets and Fridays@3 readings, a new COMMUNITY WORKS show, and three additional productions. First up on the Nikos Stage is Harrison David Rivers' WTF-commissioned play, we are continuous. [A sentence here about that play: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Praesent non nulla eros. Nunc laoreet pharetra leo et consequat. Donec suscipit porta sapien, in elementum.]. Next on the Nikos is a new play that really made us laugh, [insert play title], about [a sentence here about that play: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Praesent non nulla eros. Nunc laoreet pharetra leo et consequat. Donec suscipit porta sapien, in elementum.]. This summer, the Main Stage will be home to [insert play title an a sentence about the play: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Praesent non nulla eros. Nunc laoreet pharetra leo et consequat. Donec suscipit porta sapien, in elementum.]

As thrilling as it is to be planning our productions again, we've been focusing on our impact offstage to consider what more we can do to ensure the Festival's commitments to equity, diversity, inclusion, accessibility, anti-racism, and anti-oppression. As I hope you have seen, we have recently committed to a set of bold actions tied to our values that ifcludes paying a fair wage to every person working at the Festival. This is an expensive proposition, but it is vitaly necessary if we are to hold ourselves accountable to our mission to responsibly incubate and cultivate artists at every stage of their careers.

We're going through a lot of change in our field and as a country, but one thing I know is a constant is the Festival's power to bring joy. I'm really looking forward to experiencing that joy with you this summer. I can't wait to celebrate being together, sharing a belly laugh in a crowd or feeling that intense silence when an audience is listening to a story, an experience, that stirs us deeply.

Please help make joy happen in Williamstown this summer, and ensure that you can join us, by making a gift in support of the Festival today. Information about donor benefits is enclosed. Your gift does more than you know to make the Festival possible; beyond funding our work, it invigorates our spirits and provides the momentum we need to raise the curtain.

Thank you for reaffirming your commitment to Williamstown Theatre Festival through your support and positive thoughts. I look forward to all of us regathering on the lawn soon. See you there.

Warmest regards,

Jenny Gersten Interim Artistic Director

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