



Village Square Theatre Announces the *Encore Fund*

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Village Square Theatre. Established in 1960 as the Lexington County Arts Association, our theater has served Lexington and the surrounding area for generations by offering quality entertainment and providing a place for all ages to explore the arts. We are proud to be a part of the Lexington community and we are thankful for the many ways members of this community have supported Village Square Theatre these last 60 the years.

The onset of COVID-19 resulting in an extended shutdown of our theatre has presented the greatest challenge we have faced in our 60 year history. Since we have been unable to produce shows, teach in person acting classes, and sell season tickets, the months of shutdown have had a significant financial impact on the theatre. But the impact of COVID-19 reaches far beyond our finances. Our artists are missing the ways they were once able to be together to create and inspire. Our patrons are missing the joy that comes through live theatre. We are all longing for the day when our community will gather at our theatre and performers are on stage again.

Although the stage is quiet these days, the leaders of Village Square Theatre are using this time to plan for the future. We believe that bright days are ahead for our theatre and so we are diligently preparing for what comes next. This is why we are asking for your support to ensure that the next act in the life of Village Square Theatre is stronger than ever before.

To provide a way for you and others to support the theatre in this unique time of need, we are debuting the **Village Square Theatre *Encore Fund***. The Encore Fund will sustain the theatre in the months ahead so that we can open our doors and open the curtain again – an encore! – with renewed stability and purpose. By giving to the Encore Fund you will help Village Square Theatre:

- Increase opportunities for children and youth
- Create new partnerships within our community
- Enhance the beauty of our grounds and facilities
- Deepen our commitment to providing an inclusive place where all are valued

In a time of unprecedented strain and social anxiety, *we believe community theatre is more important than ever*. If you are able, please consider a tax-deductible donation to the ***Encore Fund*** which will help Village Square Theatre continue its mission and bring joy to our patrons, supporters, and Lexington neighbors. We love you, we thank you, and we look forward to seeing you from the stage sometime soon!

“I believe that in a great city, or even in a small city or a village, a great theatre is the outward and visible sign of an inward and probable culture.” - Laurence Olivier