

# happy new year

## 2023

Hello FMCT Friends and Families,  
Happy holidays and thank you for supporting  
the Fargo Moorhead Community Theatre!

The last few years have been a challenge across the globe. Here in the FM Area, we lost the use of our beautiful little theatre in the park, a virus did its level best to keep us all isolated, and our 76-year-old organization didn't know where its new home would be. But through the kindness of our community, our patrons, the City of Moorhead, the Kilbourne Group, Global Development, and the City of Fargo, The Fargo Moorhead Community Theatre is set on a successful path for the next 76 years and beyond. All it took was some kindness, some belief, and a little bit of magic.

Since Mayor Carlson and City Manager Dan Mahli invited us to share the Hjemkomst with the City and the Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County we've engaged nearly 60,000 people at the Hjemkomst. Our partnership is a natural one, filled with history and wonder. So many partnerships have been forged in hard work and faith. Friendships and collaborations have been built that will last throughout the years. My mind and my heart are full of dreams for our shared space in Moorhead, MN for years and years to come. We plan to stay at the Hjemkomst for as long as the City will have us!

In recent news, the Kilbourne Group invited FMCT to be a part of a private/public partnership on NP Ave in Downtown Fargo! This new theatre space, combined with our home at the Hjemkomst, will firmly root our organization in the Fargo Moorhead Area forever. The NP Ave building will be a beautiful new space for everyone to enjoy. A proper stage, with all of the traditional elements that theatre makers use to bring magic to life for our patrons. A theatre space with open doors to the community both day and night all year round.

We're so excited to have two beautiful spaces, one on each side of the river. A traditional theatre in Fargo, and a black box in Moorhead. Two locations with just a short walk between, full of life and possibilities for everyone!

Theatre is wonderful because it not only brings together such diverse artists, but it also brings together the many diverse people who love them! So, thank you for supporting us throughout the years. We need your help in the same ways we've needed your help since the beginning. We ask for your time through volunteering, to help us make magic, for your belief that you too can make a difference in peoples lives through theatre, and for your kindness to give financially so children can grow in their ability to read, to perform, and to think critically, and people of all ages can challenge themselves in ways they never thought possible. FMCT was built by the community and for the community, that was true 76 years ago and it's still true today.

Thank you for all that you do, and here's to a VERY happy New Year!

With joy,  
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