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Dear Friends,

Once again The Palmer Opera House wants to thank you for your generosity and support. The year 2021 has been a challenge for everyone and we are most appreciative of the support that we have received. We have had to be most creative as have most businesses in order to stay alive. The Opera House has held soup & chili sales, and take-out dinners together with The Perfect Blend Coffee Shoppe & Eatery. "The Nico van Zwabenberg Cuba Cheese Museum" continues to be an attraction to the Palmer as does Sweet Meredith's Homemade Cream Cheese Fudgery. Our fudge is featured again in this year's Mail Order Catalog of the Cuba Cheese Shoppe and is also available for purchase in the retail store and it is most recently sold at Spring Bottom Farm in Fillmore, New York. Last year we embarked on a new venture selling Jigsaw Puzzles of historic paintings painted by Jim "Pinky" Taylor. The puzzles were so well received that we have added several new puzzles. The Palmer assisted in the fundraiser for Wreaths Across America which will lay 550 wreaths on the graves of all Cuba Veterans in 3 Cuba cemeteries on December 18th.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to our 5th Annual Membership/Sponsorship Drive. As a sponsor or member, your support helps to strengthen an attraction that draws visitors from outside our area. These important contributions help to ensure that the Palmer Opera House will be here for future generations to enjoy. We have a wide range of options to fit any budget. The support that you give at any level is most appreciated. We are aware that we were not able to fulfill our promise of the 2020 & 2021 Benefits of Membership and are unsure of what 2022 will allow as well. We will continue to List our Membership and Sponsorship on our Website and Facebook and will attempt to schedule a Member Only Appreciation Event and Concert. Thank you for your patience during these difficult times.

We reopened The Palmer in late July with a special concert "Western Centuries" - a Country/Folk group from the West Coast who were looking for a unique venue. We also returned to Palmer favorites such as Team Trivia, Open Mic, Yoga and Euchre. Before Covid conditions caused us to again close our doors to entertainment we offered "Benny & The Jets" – Elton John Tribute, John Denver Memorial Tribute by Casual Reply, and John Wise & Friends – "Piano Rock." Events like these serve as an engine of economic growth.

Our success can be attributed to many factors, but is due in a large part to you, our outstanding audiences, and the community's continued support. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated Board

of Directors and hard-working, and talented local volunteers who help to make each event a possibility. Our area theatre groups are assisting us to present productions and bring theatre back to Cuba. The new year will hopefully bring at least 3 productions directed by our own Board. We held our second Children's Theatre Camp and it was highly successful and area students are looking forward to the 2022 Theatre Camp.

Plans for 2022 are still not clear, but we are hoping that as soon as possible we will be able to welcome attendees, performers and staff in the Palmer safely. We have adopted a new mask & social distancing policy and we will enforce it for the safety of all. We are working on providing another exciting "Music On The Lawn Series" this summer on the lawn of CRCS on Elm Street. This past summer we had a total of 15 Concerts and we had over 1500 attendees. We received many positive comments. The concessions, donations and 50/50 raffles assisted us along with the very generous grant received from the Tri County Arts Council.

Attached please find the Membership/Sponsorship form. Your annual support is so important to the continued success of the Palmer Opera House. We are a member supported and volunteer assisted organization. You have many options from a straight member donation, to an in-kind donation (a contribution that consists of the donation of goods/services in lieu of cash), to show sponsorship or simply a donation to update lights, sound or building maintenance. I am available to assist you with any questions or to customize your donation. We at the Palmer Opera House thank you in advance and we encourage you to continue to tell your friends about us.

Sincerely,

Michele Conklin

Theatre Manager/Director