

Spring 2022

BACKSTAGE bulletin

Big things are happening because of donors like *you*

Scene from *Sweat* now playing at Copley Theatre through April 24.

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD



Dear Friends,

Spring is officially here! So much has happened at Paramount since the start of 2022 that I'm excited to share with you. *Groundhog Day* delighted audiences over and over and over again. Copley Theatre had its grand opening on March 7th. The inaugural BOLD Series made its debut with the Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Sweat*. And, our 2022-2023 Broadway Season has officially been announced. That's just the start!

Hopefully, you've seen our updates in the new monthly Backstage Bulletin email. Between printed issues of Backstage Bulletin, it's our hope to keep you informed of all the progress we continue to make — like how we had a record-setting fundraising year in 2021 raising \$3.4 million thanks to the generous support from donors like YOU!

As the Chairman of the Board of Directors, I am honored to safeguard Paramount's mission and incredibly happy to see so many of you join our efforts to make theater accessible for all members of our community! I am blown away by your support and for sticking with Paramount through difficult times.

Over the last couple of months, I've had the opportunity to meet and speak with some of you at the various events hosted here at Paramount. I love hearing directly from you and why you love our theater. I myself have been coming to Paramount from a young age, five years old to be exact, when I attended a field trip to watch a performance of *Charlotte's Web*. I continue that tradition with my own children, most recently joining my son's class when they attended a performance of *Cinderella*.

We've grown a lot over the years and will continue to do so both in physical size and in the reach of our mission. Your philanthropy makes it all possible.

I'm grateful for your support and on behalf of the entire Paramount family, thank you!

With gratitude — *Jonathan Hylton*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



MARCH 9 - APRIL 24

Copley's BOLD Series Production of *Sweat*

APRIL 13 - MAY 29

Paramount's Broadway Production of *Rock of Ages*

MAY 9

Paramount School of the Arts Spring Showcase

MAY 25 - JULY 10

Copley's BOLD Series Production of *Hand to God*

MAY 29

2022-2023 Broadway Series Subscription Renewal & Pre-sale Ends

JUNE 17

Blues on the Fox at RiverEdge Park



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Copley Theatre Ribbon Cutting

On Monday, March 7, we hosted an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Copley Theatre, just a couple days ahead of the official start of our BOLD Series and opening production, *Sweat*. We were joined in this celebratory moment by members of the local Aurora community, our board of directors, the Act II Capital Campaign committee, our donors, patrons and our staff who worked around the clock to make Copley Theatre a reality.

Additionally, we also utilized this event to announce our 2022-2023 Broadway Season and surprised our guests with a performance of "I Am Changing" song by Breyannah Tillman — our very own Effie White in the upcoming production of *Dreamgirls*, which will open in August.

If you haven't yet renewed your subscription, now is the time to get your tickets! Reach out to our Box Office Staff at (630) 896-6666 or visit our website at ParamountAurora.com.

Top: Newly Renovated Copley Theatre Lobby
Middle: Paramount Leadership, ACCA Board of Directors and Aurora City Officials cutting the ribbon for the grand reopening of Copley Theatre
Bottom Left: Guests enjoy a drink on stage at the event
Bottom Right: Breyannah Tillman performance



DONOR DIGEST

INTRODUCING THE JIM AND PAM WYMAN REHEARSAL ROOM

In December of 2021, Jim and Pam Wyman made a significant gift to Paramount. Both were longtime donors and patrons to the theater prior to this major contribution, having attended the Broadway Series for close to a decade and never missing a show!

Pam let us know that "the whole family enjoys attending performances at Paramount. We even added our granddaughters to our ticket package this year. We are strong advocates of exposing children to the arts."

We are proud to announce that the Jim and Pam Wyman Rehearsal Room will now play host to the rehearsals of future productions in the Broadway Series and beyond. We are incredibly honored to be the recipients of their generosity.

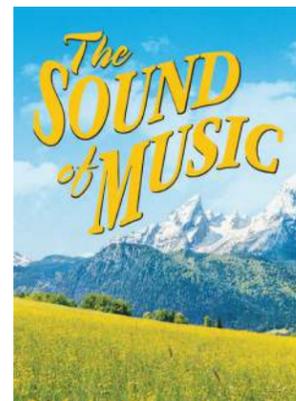
Sadly, Jim passed away at the beginning of this year before he could see this plan come to fruition. Jim is survived by his wife Pam, daughter Beth Butler, granddaughters Brynn and Annie Butler and many other family members. We are grateful to the entire Wyman family for their love and support of our theater and together with them mourn Jim's passing.



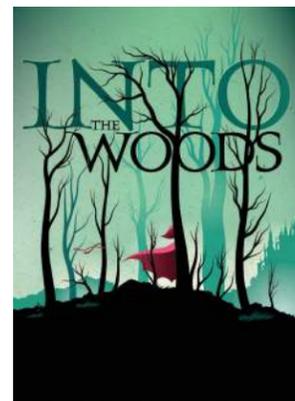
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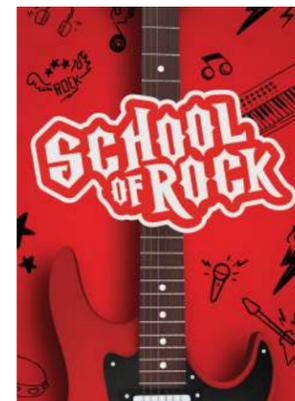
Dreamgirls
August 31, 2022 –
October 16, 2022



The Sound of Music
November 9, 2022 –
January 8, 2023



Into The Woods
February 1, 2023 –
March 19, 2023



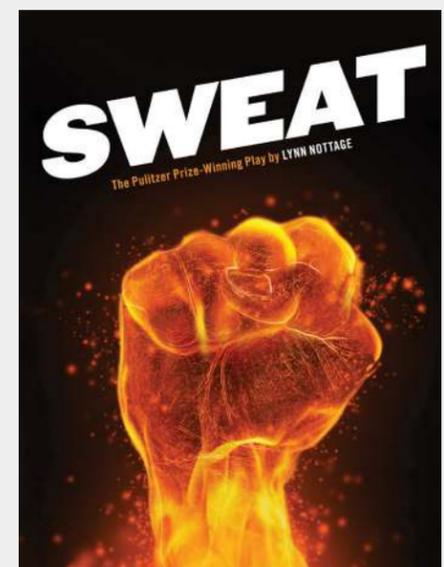
School of Rock
April 12, 2023 –
May 28, 2023

BOLD NEW HORIZONS

OPENING NIGHT OF BOLD SERIES AND THE INAUGURAL PLAY SWEAT

Sweat officially started its run at Copley Theatre on March 9 with the official press opening performance on Wednesday, March 16. Many of you, our patrons and donors, joined us in the new Copley Theatre Lounge prior to the show to celebrate the occasion. Your generosity allows us to grow and flourish with new and exciting projects — like the BOLD Series. Thank you!

Sweat is a Pulitzer Prize-winning play written by Lynn Nottage and directed for the Copley Theatre stage by Andrea J Dymond. The play sheds a light on race, class and the human cost of capitalism in an impoverished, blue-collar American town facing economic insecurity brought on by rumored layoffs and shutdowns.



“Staged with empathy and energy by master director, Andrea J Dymond, this talented cast reminds audiences of how our blue collar population continues to struggle to survive, while constantly being slighted.” —Colin Douglas, Chicago Theatre Review

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NEW SEASON, NEW BENEFITS

DONOR BENEFITS

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	FRIEND \$125-\$249	CONTRIBUTOR \$250-\$499	SUPPORTING ROLE \$500-\$999	LEADING ROLE \$1,000-\$2,499	DIRECTOR \$2,500-\$4,999	PRODUCER \$5,000-\$9,999	BENEFACTOR \$10,000+
Recognition in the Playbill for one year	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Mailed copy of the Backstage Bulletin for one year	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Access to the Premium Guest Experience (PGE) ticket pre-sale	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Recognition on the Paramount Theatre website for one year		★	★	★	★	★	★
Name on Premiere Society wall for one year			★	★	★	★	★
Invitation to Premiere Society Events			★	★	★	★	★
Two complimentary Premium Guest Experience tickets			★	★	★	★	★
Access to Donor Concierge				★	★	★	★
Invitation for two to Broadway press openings					★	★	★
Four valet passes					★	★	★
Two complimentary tickets to Season Kick-off Party						★	★
Customized benefits and special recognition							★

All benefits are valid annually for one year from the date of your gift.

FREEWILL

In February, Paramount partnered with FreeWill, a free online estate planning tool to help you — our donors — plan for your future by providing a quick and easy tool to help you create your will.

To take advantage of this resource and learn more about Planned Giving at Paramount, visit our website at ParamountAurora.com/support.



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