

FORT SMITH LITTLE THEATRE



SPOTLIGHT

401 North 6th Street

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www.fslt.org

SETTING THE STAGE TO REOPEN

As COVID vaccination rates increase and infections subside, we are cautiously plotting a gradual return to live performances at FSLT. It's been a very long intermission, and like you, we are anxious for the second act to begin.

We will continue monitoring government guidelines and health recommendations and will finalize our reopening protocols and policies accordingly. It is our goal to provide the shared experience of live theatre that we all miss, in an environment that is safe, welcoming, and comfortable for our patrons and volunteers.

Our tentative plan is to conduct auditions in August for a comedy to be performed in September, followed by other productions later in 2021. Stay tuned for dates and details!

At least for the first few shows, some things will be different than they have been in the past, and policies may change from one show to the next. Complete information will be provided prior to each production.

We'll celebrate our 75th Anniversary next year, and we are hopeful that circumstances will allow us to sell Season Passes this fall for the very special 2022 season we have planned.

The show will go on, and we are setting the stage. We look forward to enjoying live theatre with you again soon!

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What's Happening At The Theatre When There's No Theatre Happening

The stage remains empty, but our volunteers are full of energy. Here's a round of applause for Carole Rogers, Angela Covey, and Suzanne Thomas who have spent several months cleaning out and reorganizing our fabulous costume and prop storage rooms. Now we can easily see what we have—not just because things are better organized, but because LED lighting has been installed in all work and storage areas! This project also included installing ceiling fans in one un-airconditioned storage area and additional emergency lighting backstage, and will reduce our electric bills for years to come. This facility improvement was made possible by an OG&E Rebate Program and Dr. Tom Boulden's generous donation in memory of his mother and long-time FSLT volunteer, Katy Boulden.



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From the Top

I hope you and your families are safe and well. We truly miss seeing you around the theatre!

Being closed the past 13 months due to COVID-19 directives has been challenging, but it has also thrown a spotlight on what a caring community, and strong community theatre, we have. Continuing to ride out this crisis, we remain grateful for your patience, encouragement, and financial support.

Many of you have asked how you can help while our stage remains dark. One suggestion would be to follow us on social media – Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter – so you'll be up-to-date on our reopening plans. Donations to our Annual Fund would also be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be made online at fslt.org or mailed to FSLT, P.O. Box 3752, Fort Smith, AR 72913. And remember that gift certificates for future performances may be purchased at fslt.org. Keep that in mind for Father's and Mother's Day gifts!

Like you, we are hopeful that widespread vaccinations will mean we can soon enjoy being together again. As we continue to monitor changing conditions, we are carefully preparing our reopening plans, policies, and protocols. At this time, we are planning auditions in August for a comedy to be performed in mid-September. Watch for more details. In the meantime, keep your mask on and your fingers crossed – and know that FSLT is getting ready to roll!

– Sherry Hester, President

2022 To Mark 75th Milestone

Although FSLT is not able to perform right now, we are certainly busy. 2022 will mark the 75th Anniversary of our community theatre, and we are actively planning events to celebrate our rich history. Stay tuned for more info about our upcoming milestone year!

Many Thanks to Many People

While COVID-19 removed our ability to produce ticket income, it didn't remove ongoing building maintenance and business operation costs. We are grateful for all those who have provided support to help during this difficult time. This includes our Show Sponsors, Annual Fund contributors, and 2020 Season Pass patrons who agreed to donate the value of performances cancelled as a result of the pandemic. It has been our pleasure to proudly recognize all these generous patrons at fslt.org and on social media.

Why Follow Us On Social Media?

While some patrons still prefer mail delivery of our Spotlight newsletter, postal delivery service is increasingly slow and unreliable. The majority of our patrons prefer to receive our newsletters by email, but we cannot guarantee that your email server will not suddenly send important FSLT emails to your Spam folder. So to add some assurance that you will stay up-to-date on our reopening plans and future productions, you are encouraged to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and/or Twitter. Don't miss out!

