

A Letter from CNS Co-Chairs, Rick & Linda Roesch and Cyn & Ray Barrette.



Dear Friends,

The four of us are incredibly honored to co-chair the Campaign for Northern Stage, working with you to bring this vision of a new home and a bright future for Northern Stage and our community into reality. This dream has been long in the making and is only possible because of the hard work, enthusiasm, and passionate support of so many people for more than 18 years. We're proud to join with you in shepherding Northern Stage into this period of evolution and growth with purpose and momentum.

We want you, our family of supporters, to know all that is happening with this exciting project, so check here often for the most recent updates! We hope you will be as excited as we are about this project.

Finally, we encourage you to talk about the Campaign for Northern Stage to everyone you know. In this, and in so many other ways, you ensure the Campaign's success and provide our region with the opportunity to enjoy extraordinary theater for years to come.Â

With warm wishes and much gratitude,

Cyn & Ray Barrette and Linda & Rick Roesch
Campaign for Northern Stage Co-Chairs

CNS Busts Past \$6 Million (\$3 Million to go!)

Since fundraising began in February 2014, we have raised more than \$6 million dollars in pledges (68% of our overall \$9 million goal). More than 40 donors have contributed so far and most recently we received a significant gift from the Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation. We thank all of you for being a part of building this bright future.

Byrne Foundation Challenge

If you are not yet a donor to the Campaign for Northern Stage, here is a great opportunity. The Byrne Foundation has offered us a \$500,000 matching challenge to help us reach our next million dollars in pledges and donations. New pledges between \$5,000 and \$200,000 will be matched by 50%. Please contact Amanda Rafuse at 802-291-9009 ext. 117 or Arafuse@Northernstage.org for more information, to set up a meeting, or to donate today.

Construction to Begin in September

The Campaign has received approval from the Town of Hartford to begin construction on our new home. Demolition is slated to begin September 15, 2014, and we are on track to open the new theater in September of 2015. Congratulations to the team from our design/build firm Bread Loaf Corporation who worked with consultants from Theatre Projects and Akustiks to guide us through this process successfully.

Mark Your Calendar

We're planning a Groundbreaking Ceremony, so mark your calendars for the afternoons of October 1 and 2. We will choose a date soon, based on the construction timeline. As we finalize details, you'll be the first to know.

Backstage at Northern Stage

Starting in September, we will be offering Backstage Tours of our current performance venue, the Brigg's Opera House. Following the tour, guests will be invited to join us for a beverage and walk-through of the plans for our new home. Tour dates will be announced on a per-show basis. We hope you'll join us and bring your friends so they, too, can learn more about this exciting project.

Watch our fundraising progress.

Campaign goal: \$9,000,000 // Raised as of 8/1/14: \$6,133,100 // Percent raised: 68%

If you have any questions, ideas, or stories to share, please contact us!

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