



*44th Anniversary Season*  
*Executive Director - Jim Roberts*

*"Eugene's Premiere Theater Company"*  
*Artistic Director - Joe Zingo*

January 24, 2023

House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business.

To Whom It May Concern,

As a recognized nonprofit corporation with a 501-c-3 status, we would like to support HB 2459, which is focused on the \$50 million in recovery dollars for the arts and culture sector. We are currently trying to get our shows back on track after the Covid Pandemic. It is not easy. We have been running about half of the ticket sales as pre-pandemic. Getting the patrons back to in-person shows is proving more difficult than we thought.

We have had to cancel complete shows, individual performances and even try to reschedule some shows. It is sometimes difficult to even keep a complete cast from getting ill during the run of a show.

We were able to survive with some small PPP loans and a Shuttered Venue Operators Grant. We are hoping to continue our 44th Season, but additional funding will almost be a necessity to continue surviving as we help generate revenue within our community. We draw patrons from a wide ranging area and they contribute to other local businesses' survival.

Please consider the need for these survival funds for the arts and culture across the state.

Sincerely,

Jim Roberts  
Executive Director