

THEATRERHINOCEROS

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Dear Theatre Rhinoceros Supporter:

John Fisher, PhD
Executive Director

Susan Jodon
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We're thirty this year and we'd like to celebrate by raising thirty thousand dollars in our Winter Fund Drive.

As you know, Theatre Rhinoceros celebrates its Thirtieth Anniversary this season. This year our theatre was recognized in proclamations and tributes by Mayor Gavin Newsom, Senator Carole Migden, Assemblyman Mark Leno, Supervisors Tom Ammiano and Bevan Dufty, and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi as a theatre of consistently high quality and important cultural mission. In Mayor Newsom's proclamation of October 16 as "Theatre Rhinoceros Day in San Francisco," he applauded "Executive Director John Fisher, his staff, and the audiences of the last thirty years." His proclamation is a fitting tribute indeed to you and your commitment to queer theatre of excellence in this wonderful city. Last year we asked for your help retiring our debt and you responded with a whopping \$25,000.00 cumulative donation which made us debt free for the first time in thirty years. This year we're asking for your help to cover a recent rent increase and to reappoint our lighting system. This rent increase will mean that our facility alone costs \$190.00 a day - make a donation of this size or larger and we'll make you "Producer for the Day," a day of your choice. We are also asking for donations to improve our lighting system. *It being our Thirtieth Anniversary I'm making \$30,000.00 the goal of this season's fund drive. That's only \$5,000.00 more than you donated last season. If you each give just a little bit extra this year you can cover our rent and enhance the lighting of our shows for a year.*

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We hope you are enjoying our season which began with our hit retrospective production *Theatre Rhinoceros: The First Thirty Years* and has continued with the hysterical *Staircase*. We also hope you were able to join us at our big bash at Levende Lounge on October 16. Wherever we perform we continue our dedication to quality, professional theatre on gay and lesbian themes with an emphasis always on entertainment.

Scott Gessford

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And don't miss the outrageous Marga Gomez performing her annual holiday blow out *The Marga Gomez New Year's Eve Spectacular* at the Victoria Theatre.

Brian Yates-Sharber

With warmest holiday wishes,

John Fisher
Executive Director