



DORSET
THEATRE
FESTIVAL
PLAY IN VERMONT

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Ensuring we will continue to produce great theatre

Dear Festival friends and supporters:

2023 was a mighty season! We produced four full shows, including an acclaimed world premiere, and welcomed over 10,000 patrons to the Dorset Playhouse. While we unfortunately had to end the season a week early due to illness, we still had **one of the best box office years in the Festival's history!**

BUT, we are not immune to the unprecedented challenges facing the American Theatre (those headlines aren't lying!). We are up against increased costs, changing audiences, and the end of pandemic relief funding.

Despite this year's impressive ticket sales, **an increase in annual contributions is essential to sustaining the Festival**, and ensuring we can continue to make meaningful theater for our community.

Dorset Theatre Festival produces work that allows us to put down our phones, be amongst our neighbors, and, perhaps, see the world through someone else's eyes. It was inspiring to see the Playhouse packed with community members taking pride in the work produced on our stage this year, and I hope you will make a donation to help us reach our goal and continue Dorset's legacy of professional excellence in Southern Vermont.

Thank you for being part of our family.

Sincerely,

Will Rucker, Executive Artistic Director

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ABOUT OUR NEED



MISERY by William Goldman based on the novel by Stephen King, directed by Jackson Gay, starring Dan Butler, Kelly McAndrew, and Greg Stuhr. Photo by T Charles Erickson



The World Premiere of STILL by Lia Romeo, directed by Adrienne Campbell-Holt, starring Tim Daly & Jayne Atkinson. Photo by Joey Moro

OUR NEED

VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN
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Help us meet our goal to raise
\$100,000 by the end of the year.

For Dorset Theatre Festival, **ticket sales cover only 30% of our annual costs**, making philanthropic support a VITAL component in continuing the work we do. Generous support from donors like you is the only way that we can move forward serving our communities as an artistic pillar of Vermont theater.

Won't you please consider a donation to help us reach our goal?

ANNUAL SEASONAL EXPENSES INCLUDE:



More than \$400,000 in salaries
for artists and production staff



Nearly \$200,000 in annual
rental housing costs



\$130,000 in physical show
production expenses

