



Cool refreshing air, and cool refreshing ideas!

Hello Suffield Players Friends and Fans!

We hope all of you are safe and healthy and enjoying the emerging Fall colors.

As you may have heard, Connecticut is moving towards Phase 3 Reopening in October. This means that indoor performing arts venues will be able to open at 50 percent capacity with masks and social distancing. We are so proud of our state for doing the right thing to keep the spread of the virus low so that cautious reopening may be possible as safety is everyone's #1 goal.

What does this mean for The Suffield Players and Mapleton Hall?

While we are very excited to see all of you in person, the Board of Directors has decided to forego any public gatherings at the Hall through the end of February, 2021. With an abundance of caution, we hope the next *possibility* for a live show would be Spring, 2021 as long as the Players feel it is safe.

Why not open for live shows sooner? Although we can set up a safe-distanced

audience seating plan, the Hall presents other limitations that The Players are not ready to deal with...yet! Our cast and crew spaces downstairs are very congested, and the narrow access to the restrooms on the main floor creates a bit of a traffic jam (as many of you have experienced during inter-mission!) So, we have more thinking and planning to do over the next 3-5 months.

In the meantime, we have been diligently working to create a *virtual* theater experience that will engage and delight our audiences, actors, directors and techies. This is truly a "cool and refreshing" idea for us and we are excited (and just a tiny bit terrified!) about producing in a wired environment. Curious? More information about this will be coming in the near future, but we hope you will participate in one way or another, just to keep the spirit of the theater alive and well in Suffield.

Thank you for your ongoing support of The Suffield Players. Whether you prefer to be a ticket buyer, set builder, usher, performer or other contributor, your participation matters!

All the best,

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Co-Presidents
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