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Dear Friends of The Players:

Our thoughts are with you and your loved ones during this difficult time.

As you may know, our first ever *virtual* Annual Meeting was held in June, and with that came officer elections. As this year's new co-Presidents, we stepped into our roles with a mixture of gravity and excitement, well aware of the challenges facing our world and the performing arts, but also inspired by the dedication shown by our fellow board members.

Now more than ever, we need the arts. In this time of social distancing, we crave community, and our theater community is very important to us. The health, safety and well-being of you, our theater community comes first. As a result, our Board made the difficult and necessary decision to postpone all live performances originally planned for 2020, and keep Mapleton Hall closed until it is safe and prudent to reopen. We are working closely with health officials, public safety, and arts organizations around the state to ensure the best possible outcomes moving forward.

In the meantime, as it is said, "the show must go on." We are exploring multiple ways to keep you engaged, connected, and fulfilled and promise to update you as we move forward. We welcome your ideas. Please email us at thesuffieldplayers@gmail.com.

We truly believe in the healing power of the arts and the spirit of community. We look forward to the day where we can be together again at Mapleton Hall to share in the excitement with our cast, crew and audience, and to seeing the smiles on your faces as we take our places on opening night.

Thank you.

Rachel Berezin

Co-President

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