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CAPE FEAR REGIONAL THEATRE RECEIVES GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE ARTS COUNCIL

FAYETTEVILLE, NC — Cape Fear Regional Theatre (CFRT) has announced their 2022/23 activities, which will include live, professional theatre productions and a suite of educational and outreach initiatives with the help of a \$250,000.00 grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County. “After unveiling our renovated mainstage theatre in November 2021 and producing a highly attended season in 2022, we are excited to kick off our 5-show mainstage 22/23 season. The Arts Council has been an essential partner in making our season possible and ensuring our organization survived the pandemic, which many theatres did not,” says CFRT Artistic Director Mary Catherine Burke. “We look forward to another season of serving the community with award-winning productions and nationally recognized education programs.”

CFRT’s 2022/23 mainstage season has something for everyone, including a fan favorite *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* (Sept 2022); the hilarious play *The Odd Couple* (Nov 2022) featuring Marc de la Concha; our annual community production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (Dec 2022), the family-friendly *Matilda: The Musical* (Jan 2023); the youthful and dynamic *Welcome to Arroyo’s* (Mar 2023), and a jazz journey with *Jelly’s Last Jam* (May 2023). Additionally, CFRT will continue its popular education programs, including Spring and Summer Theatre Camps, Drama Day Camps, Passport Series, Studio classes, and CFRTeens.

Ticket sales account for less than 40% of CFRT’s funding. “We are deeply grateful to the Arts Council for its incredible financial support. This funding is essential to our operations and enables us to produce high-quality productions and education programs that support our community’s creative and emotional needs,” says CFRT Managing Director Ella Wrenn.

“Cultural Organization Resource Grants (C.O.R.E.) support art organizations of Cumberland County that are vital to our community and have a proven record of being able use the funds appropriately” says Bob Pinson, Interim President and CEO of the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County. “The Arts Council is proud to partner with Cape Fear Regional Theatre as a C.O.R.E Grantee. We value all that these organizations contribute to the arts in Cumberland County.”

The Arts Council’s Community Organization Resource Grants (CORE) may be awarded to local arts agencies in Cumberland County whose programs are vital to the cultural life of the community and whose organizations have reached a size and maturity that assure their long-term viability. The purpose



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of CORE Grants is to strengthen and stabilize major arts institutions and help them to deliver high quality arts services to the citizens of Cumberland County.

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In the year 2021-22, the Arts Council distributed almost \$1 million in grant funds and allocations to Cumberland County arts and culture non-profit organizations, artists, and municipalities. Grants, programs, and services of the Arts Council are funded in part by contributions from community partners, and through grants from the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County, and the N.C. Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources. Ncarts.org

Cape Fear Regional Theatre believes in the power of storytelling and the visceral impact of live theatre. We strive for the highest standards of excellence in our artistic work, educational offerings, and outreach efforts. We provide the region a place to come together to laugh harder, think deeper, share our experiences, and grow as a community.