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Greetings from the Michigan Presenters Network!

I am reaching out on behalf of the board and current members of Michigan Presenters with an invitation for your organization to join us in 2021.

It has been a tumultuous year for our industry. Now more than ever, we are in need of the kinds of connections and relationships between presenting organizations through Michigan Presenters to provide a crucial access point for up-to-date information, best practices, and emerging issues. As we move forward into a hopeful, but uncertain, 2021, Michigan Presenters stands ready to help presenters across our state get our stages and houses filled again with artists and audiences.

We have a newly elected board of directors who have already demonstrated their commitment to expanding our network and working hard on your behalf. Here is your board of directors for the next two years:

Thomas Meacham, Vice President
Lake Superior State University, Arts Center

Xavier Verna, Past President
Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts

Mary Muncil Jennings, Secretary
Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts

Jill O'Neill, At-Large Member
Great Lakes Center for the Arts

Anne Schroeder, Treasurer
Midland Center for the Arts

Crysta Manthei, At-Large Member
Wharton Center for Performing Arts

Michigan Presenters was founded in 1991 as a statewide coalition of non-profit organizations committed to the advancement and presentation of the performing arts. Michigan Presenters nurtures organizational leadership, professional development, and knowledge exchange in the performing arts.

In recent years, Michigan Presenters has built new relationships in order to effectively advocate for the needs of our members. We now hold a seat on the board of directors of *Cultural Advocacy Network of Michigan*, which works with our local, state and federal lawmakers to advance policy that benefits the cultural sector. And we have partnered with the *Sphinx Organization*, a social justice organization committed to improving diversity in the arts, to provide access for our members to their annual conference, *SphinxConnect*.

As a member, you can expect to have access to exciting benefits, such as:

- Invitations to pre- or post-show social events at member venues
- A member's only toolbox accessed through our website (www.MichiganPresenters.org)
- Four meetings a year including an annual conference, a regional conference, and meetings at Arts Midwest and APAP
- A members only e-newsletter with information on upcoming events and sharing information about our membership
- Access to a state-wide job bank
- Invitation to state-wide advocacy days
- and more!

We hope you will support these efforts and take advantage of the benefits by becoming a member today!

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Director of Theatre Programs, Midland Center for the Arts
Council Member, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs