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CODY COMMUNITY THEATRE

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Dear Patron,

Get On Stage – Act Now!

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A good thing happened to Cody Community Theatre a few years ago. A professional actor named Joe Sears purchased the old American Legion Building and converted it into the Cody Stage, a small theater well-suited for the presentation of musical and dramatic plays, right in the heart of Cody. It is equipped with a good sound and theater lighting system, making possible many types of shows. *Man of La Mancha*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and *Jane Eyre* are just a few of the musical and dramatic plays presented by the Cody Community Theatre at the Cody Stage in recent years, and several singing groups have performed there. Coming in early June are performances of the famous musical, *The Fantasticks*, followed by summer performances by Dan Miller, Western singer and guitarist. Past attendance has demonstrated a desire in Cody for more such productions, and it has provided opportunities for local actors and musicians to perform.

Unfortunately, this gathering momentum in fine arts in Cody is now facing a serious dilemma. The Cody Stage building is for sale, and the Cody Community Theatre needs to purchase it in order to continue our work. The owner has generously offered it to the Cody Community Theatre at below market price until September 2005, so that we may continue making fine arts presentations for the foreseeable future.

If the Cody Stage is sold to another person or organization, it will likely be converted to other uses and the current sound and lighting systems will be removed. That outcome would leave the Cody Community Theatre with no other viable option for small venue productions such as those already mentioned. The Wynona Thompson Auditorium already has tremendous demand placed on it for community uses, and it is too large for use for most of our productions.

We have a dream. We believe that we can purchase this building and continue to expand the fine arts offerings to Cody and the surrounding communities. To accomplish this, we need to raise \$600,000. This amount will enable us to purchase the building, buy new comfortable seating, make certain refurbishments needed immediately and establish an endowment fund to help us maintain the Cody Stage building for years to come.

We have a plan to cover ongoing operational and maintenance costs by providing a steady schedule of revenue-producing performances in line with community desires. This revenue will supplement the endowment income and allow us to improve the quality of our productions.

We believe in the Cody Community Theatre and are investing our own money in this effort. But, we need help to realize this dream. You love Cody, and you realize that big dreams require big actions. Will you act now and help us purchase the Cody Stage? Your involvement will help accomplish a very good thing for Cody and nearby communities. The Cody Community Theatre is a non-profit organization, and any donations are fully tax-deductible. Please consider making a pledge for a significant contribution right now and help ensure the growth of fine arts in our community for years to come.

Sincerely,

CCT Fundraising Committee