



March 31, 2020

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the staff, artists, and volunteers of the Hippodrome Theatre, I would like to thank you for your forty-year commitment to making Gainesville a city for theatre lovers.

The City of Gainesville and the Hippodrome Theatre have enjoyed a close-knit and fruitful partnership since we began renovating the Old Post Office in 1979. After a multi-year, multi-million dollar matching grant campaign, we moved in and began the decades long transformation of the downtown area to the cultural hub it is today.

Over the forty years the Hippodrome has inhabited this building, we've introduced hundreds of thousands of children to the arts and entertained millions of adults. Our success would not have been possible without this incredible partnership with the City and the unwavering support of the citizens of Gainesville.

We appreciate the Commission's continued commitment to this partnership through the extension of our lease agreement through 2031 with a rolling renewal. This will enable the Hippodrome to obtain grant funds for the renovation and remediation of the building with greater ease, and to continue in our mission to entertain and educate the citizens of Gainesville from the heart of downtown.

We look forward to extending and growing our relationship with the City Commission and to finding new ways to work together to elevate our shared vision for the community.

Sincerely,

Nicole Daenzer
Managing Director