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To Whom It May Concern

Endorsement of American Theatre Festival

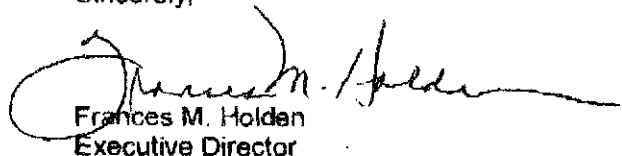
On behalf of the members of League of Historic American Theatres, I urge your support of the American Theater Festival's (ATF) plans to bring unique productions and the work of America's finest not-for-profit theatres to a series of dynamic presenting venues, including several League theatres. We are confident that with sufficient support ATF's efforts will enable the continued life of outstanding theatre productions to reach significantly greater audiences nationally.

The League of Historic American Theatres, serving an extensive network of successfully operating historic theatres throughout North America, promotes the rescue, rehabilitation and sustainable operation of historic theatres. League members include professional theatre managers who are effective cultural conveners in communities large and small. They are dedicated to rescuing historic theatres in their communities and returning cultural vitality to their main streets. Many of our members have expressed an interest in transformative programming strategies such as those envisioned by the American Theater Festival that directly respond to the dearth of touring productions from not-for-profit regional theatres.

As historic venues for contemporary live cultural programming, many League members have successfully energized venues and communities, generating significant economic and cultural benefits for their communities. They are encouraged by Arnold Mittelman's efforts to reach out to key colleagues in the field, including artistic and managing directors of major non-profit theatre companies and engage them in the development of touring productions to benefit more audiences in more communities throughout the country.

The League of Historic American Theatres respectfully requests your support of ATF's efforts.

Sincerely,



Frances M. Holden
Executive Director