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Dear Mr. Manley,

It is an honour to be able to endorse this highly needed theatre complex in Haliburton County.

In the summer of 1995, I spent 10 days at the Banff Centre for Arts for a Royal Academy of Dance summer program. When I moved to Haliburton in 1998, I had absolutely no idea what an amazing arts community Haliburton County had. Back then I thought this community could use a centre like the Banff Centre and here we go, this wonderful group the HHAC Foundation is looking to raise funds for a world class performing arts centre!

As the owner of Heritage Ballet, we have held our yearly dance recitals (since 2002) and Nutcracker performances (since 2004) in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. This small theatre has given us a chance to perform on stage to a smallish audience which we are grateful for, but it hasn't taken long to outgrow it. The potential to have a Nutcracker production on a larger stage would be incredible, not to mention other potential performances and guest artists.

This past March I gave up my rental space due to Covid so the potential to rent rehearsal space would be amazing as good space is hard to come by here. What an amazing opportunity this would be to share an arts centre with Haliburton's art community!

The Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation has Heritage Ballet's fullest support. Thank you for what you are doing.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Barban". The script is fluid and cursive.

Julie Barban