



# Highlands Little Theatre

A proud member of the Haliburton  
County Community Cooperative

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To Whom It May Concern

Please accept this letter of support for the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation on behalf of the Highlands Little Theatre, located in Haliburton County. In the past we appreciated those who attended our performances from Toronto, a two and a half hour drive to the north east of the city.

The County of Haliburton has long been a home of the arts, beginning with the Haliburton Guild of the Arts in 1967. Since then, the region has become home to many artist studios and eventually spurred the creation of three annual studio tours. The County has also attracted a number of full-time and part-time residents active in all disciplines of the arts – theatre, instrumental music, vocal music, dance, media arts (film/video), painting, sculpture, pottery, and jewelry, just to name a few. Thanks to a collective of forward-looking community leaders, this ultimately led to the Guild of Arts becoming the Haliburton School of Art and Design, a campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College.

The Management Board and members of Highlands Little Theatre support the creation of a state-of-the-art performing arts centre in Haliburton County. It is evident that arts and culture play a large part in the economic well-being and quality of life in the County. Being the home of the Haliburton School of Art and Design, multiple amateur performing arts groups, plus two summer companies (The Highlands Summer Festival and Highlands Opera Studio), a new performing arts centre is a logical next step in the evolution of cultural offerings in our growing community. From potential job creation to increased shopping and nightlife options, we look forward to the future prosperity that a world-class performing arts centre could bring to Haliburton County.

Sincerely,

Highlands Little Theatre