



2020 Annual Report



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Message from the Board President

Wow—what a year! Throughout the crisis that has affected our country and our stage, NBCT has persevered. The support from our community has been overwhelming and heartfelt. So many people have given their time, talent, and treasures in the effort to keep the curtain up at our community theatre. Please join me in thanking the folks that have contributed to this effort:

Thank you to our financial supporters. Season ticket holders declined the refunds that were offered, allowing NBCT to retain those funds as a donation. NBCT received a generous bequest from a dear long-time patron, and Clay Milstead gave NBCT the largest individual donation NBCT has received in at least ten years. NBCT participated in the A Community Thrives fundraising competition sponsored by Gannett Publishing, placing 15th in the nation, and qualifying for an additional grant. NBCT was awarded grants from the Craven Arts Council, the City of New Bern, and the NC Arts Council.

Thank you to our volunteers. Projects are ongoing in the theatre, including rebuilding the stage, installing an orchestra pit, and making much-needed renovations to the dressing rooms. Our improv comedy group, Walk-In Bathtub, held an eight-hour Improv-a-thon the first week the Governor allowed the theatre to be open to audiences. They have performed another since then, and have more planned. The opportunity to enjoy a chance to laugh together in our theatre, in a socially distanced way, has been very much appreciated.

Thank you to our staff. We so appreciate the unwavering leadership of Angelina Doyle, our amazing Executive Director. Along with Kris Pierson, she has steered our ship through these uncharted waters. Thank you to our Board of Directors. Long-time stalwarts Knox Proctor, Randy Hunter, Keith Boyd and Jay Figueroa continued to provide steady leadership. Joining them were relatively new Board members John Bircher and Craig Ramey. We are also thrilled to have Clay Milstead returning to the board after serving from 2002-2011. Serving with these folks has been a joy and a privilege, and I appreciate all that each brings to the table.

We are currently working to plan what's next at NBCT. Be assured that we will get through this together, and that NBCT will continue to follow its mission statement as it has for over fifty years: enrich, empower, include, educate and entertain.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that the arts will continue to thrive in our little corner of the world. Look forward to seeing you soon at the theatre!

George Oliver, President



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*From "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery"
Photo courtesy of Amanda Pumphrey*

Office Volunteers

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*From "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery"
Photo courtesy of Amanda Pumphrey*

Summary of 2020

Productions

This time last year, we had just finished the first weekend of shows for *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery* and rehearsing our February show *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf*. By March the cast and crew of our children's show, *Willy Wonka, Jr.* were two days from their school performances and the opening night for the public when we had to shut down for COVID-19 and the shelter in place order. Fortunately, they were able to perform a final dress performance for their parents before the shutdown. The cast of *Matilda*, which was slated to open in May, were also in rehearsals when the order was given. The theatre had a full slate of shows ready for the remainder of the year, including *We: A Coming of Age Festival*, *Memphis*, *The Producers*, and an encore performance of *A Christmas Carol* with Temple Baptist Church. *Willy Wonka*, *Matilda*, *WE: A Coming of Age Festival*, and *The Producers* have all been postponed to a future date.

In October, Governor Cooper moved NC into Phase 3 which allowed NBCT to open to the public with a 25-seat limit for live performances and a 30% capacity for movie showings. These restrictions did not allow for a regular production to open at NBCT, so Walk-In Bathtub performed an 8-hour Impov-A-Thon which consisted of eight 45-minute shows with 15 minutes to sanitize the theatre for the next group of 25. This fundraiser set the ball in motion to finally give our community a much needed break to be entertained in a safe environment.

In December, NBCT presented a weekend-long, Christmas Movie Night series. *Gremlins*, *White Christmas*, and *Elf* were shown to give some much needed spirit of Christmas to the community. These events have allowed NBCT to ease the community back into the theatre with safety being our top priority. Each event was conducted within the guidelines of the DHHS to include temperature checks, socially distanced seating, and mandatory masks for patrons, performers, and staff.

Looking ahead into the 2021 season, we will offer more of these events to better serve the community's needs. As we continue to adapt to new processes and uncertainty in the coming months, we cannot thank our patrons and volunteers enough for your patience and support.



From "*For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf*"
Photo courtesy of Ariana Guzman

Operations and Facilities

Despite being shut down, NBCT staff and Board of Directors took advantage of this time to re-evaluate our policies and procedures, and worked to streamline our internal operations. These updates included employment policies, office procedures, a youth safety policy, and updating our NBCT bylaws to be finalized in the near future. These updates will ensure more efficiency, clarity, and professionalism to how NBCT does business.



*From "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/
When the Rainbow is Enuf"
Photo courtesy of Ariana Guzman*

NBCT has also taken this time to clean out, repair, and organize our buildings. We are currently using this time to repair the stage, inspect and replace the line sets, expand the greenroom, and other repairs that are needed and within our budget capabilities.

We would like to thank the following volunteers who helped over the past 10 months with each of the projects.

Athens Café Box Office upgrade Susan Moffat-Thomas, Judy and Alan Hills

Athens Café wall paint..... Melanie Fulharty

Athens Café bathroom tiled floor Michael Beckman

Costumes and props clean out Jasyn Griffith and Nancy Hitchcock

Theatre and Warehouse Cleanup Jen Blalock, Brian Blalock, Neil Oliver, Stephen Oliver, Dianna Klein, George Oliver, Mason Oliver, Meredith McKee-Boyd, Keith Boyd, Peyton Jenkins, Cliff Nielsen, Kasen Walker, Callan Whitley, Cody Detwiler, Bryce Detwiler, Grace Detwiler, Tom Schindler, Randy Straight, Nancy Hitchcock, Jasyn Griffith, Mike Beckman, Duffy Ward

thank you volunteers

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due to the COVID-19 shutdown, NBCT was forced to cancel or postpone 13 events in 2020. This made a huge impact on the health of our finances since 80% of our revenue comes from tickets sales. The Board of Directors and staff worked to make up this difference by applying for grants, PPP, SBA, and soliciting for much needed donations. NBCT was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Craven Arts Council to assist with payroll, utilities and other operational expenses. We were also awarded \$2,000 from the City of New Bern CARES fund. The board also applied for the long-term, low-interest SBA Disaster Loan in August and was approved for \$69,000.

In September, NBCT participated in the A Community Thrives Challenge; a nationwide fundraising challenge sponsored by Gannett Media Corps and USA Today. With the incredible support of our community, NBCT was able to raise just under \$20,000 in one month, placing NBCT 15th in the nation. These efforts brought an additional \$2,500 grant from the Gannet Media Corps!

In addition to our end-of-year donations, NBCT also received a generous donation of \$50,000 from Clay Milstead, who has supported our organization through many years of contributions, performing, and serving on the Board of Directors. NBCT was also the beneficiary of \$20,000 from our longtime patron, Linda Lore, who sadly passed away in July. We are so grateful to Ms. Lore for many years of support, not only for NBCT, but our community.

The efforts and support of our Board, Staff, Volunteers, and patrons has enabled NBCT's doors to remain open as we navigate through the pandemic. It truly is a community theatre and we are so grateful.

2020 Financial Breakdown

Production Income	\$44,854.08
Event Income	\$6,727.61
Grants	\$17,000
Donations	\$101,035.76
Other	\$44
Total Revenue	\$169,661.45

Payroll expenses	\$57,086.60
Production expenses	\$36,815.95
Operating Expenses	\$60,981.39
Total Expenses	\$154,883.94

Net Revenue	\$14,777.51
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Show Sponsors

Hats off and heartfelt thanks to our 2020 show sponsors who make it possible to sustain NBCT's on-going theatre productions and operations.

CRNA's of CarolinaEast Health System
Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery

Creekside Cabinets
For Colored Girls

Coastal Children's Clinic
Willy Wonka, Jr. (postponed)

Frogley Chiropractic
Matilda (postponed)

Anonymous in honor of Colonial Capital Humane Society with an additional special outreach support grant from The Anonymous Trust
WE: A Coming of Age Festival (postponed)

Carolina East Medical Center
The Producers (postponed)

Backstage Partners & Contributors

Platinum - \$25,000 or more

Clay Milstead

Gold - \$10,000—\$24,999

Linda Lore

Silver - \$5,000—\$9,999

Anonymous

In Honor of Colonial Capital Humane Society &
CarolinaEast Foundation

Anonymous

Al & Vickie Kindler

Joseph & Maryann Murphy

Anonymous

Benefactor - \$3,000—\$4,999

Jim & Camille Hoffman

The Law Offices of Oliver & Cheek, PLLC

Sherril & James Miller

Anonymous

Gary M. & Rose Ann Stabile-Simon

Patron - \$2,000—\$2,999

Anonymous

Knox & Stephanie Proctor

Designer - \$1,000—\$1,999

Anonymous

Coastal Children's Clinic

CRNAs of

CarolinaEast Medical Center

Dusty Dustin

James & Kathryn Findley

George Oliver

Anonymous

Playwright - \$750—\$999

Dogs Alumna

Karen Pierson

Dr. Walter Secosky

Producer - \$500—\$749

Ashish Enterprises

John Bircher

Stephen Chambers

Dee Dricks

Jay & Betsy Figueroa

In Memory of Sherril &

Jim Miller

Jay & Betsy Figueroa

Norm Kellum
Jackie Mallard
In Honor of my daughter Emily Wheeley
Ginny Mattern & Randy King
Deanie Singleton
VonSocial

Director - \$250—\$499

Suraya Bliss & Jeremy McGraw
Keith Boyd
Doug & Margaret Brewbaker
Joseph Childers
Thomas Dunton
Kathy Emerson
Kris & Dan Engelhaupt
Ken Gilbert
Fred & Nancy Hausman
Anonymous
Betty Mesaros
Megan McGarvey
In Honor of Kathleen Kohler—my very talented GF!
Anonymous
Regina Ochoa
Kristofer Pierson
Lou Price & Barbara Perkins
Helen Robinson
Michelle & Scott Roys
George Schindler
Jack & Liz Watts

Star - \$100—\$249

Anonymous
Katherine & Peter Adolph
Michael Afflerbach
Gayle Albertini
Dedicated to MissingLiveTheatre and what it
contributes to our community
Rebecca & Rick Allen
Miriam & Mike Beckman
Dedicated to Missing Live Theatre
Miriam & Mike Beckman
Anonymous
Diana Blanchard
David Buettner
Bridie Callinan
Clayton Cheek
Maureen & Jim Comer
Amy Cooper
Ann Corby

Ron Cornwell
Robert & Nancy Critcher
Sue & Barry Cummins
Susan & Marvin Cytron
Charlie & Marjorie Dew
Tiffany Dove
Tim Downard
Terrence Doyle
In Honor of Leo Minervini
Sarah Duda
Jo Eckert
E J Emerson
Jack & Janet Faircloth
Melanie Fluharty
Robert & Barbara Forbes
Joseph & Susan Frangipane
Stephanie Frye
Nadine Fugate
Howard Furnas
Elizabeth Griffin
Amos Hardee
Mike & Helen Harrell
Anonymous
Marilyn Hayden
Charles & Sharon Henke
Bruce & Jackie Hice
Roland & Barbara Hoekman
Richard & Lu Hoff
Ginny Johnson
Susan Johnson
Al & Kristina Karalius
Suzanne Kaylor
Gordon Kellogg
Connie Killebrew
Anna & Robert Korb
In Memory of Elia Leo
Minervini, Jr. from his siblings in CT. Yolanda, Julia,
Anthony, Elizabeth, Leona/Jim, Anna/Robert
George & Jane Kramer
Richard Krauss
Karla Kulp
Nick Laurora
Arnold & Penny Litteken
Judy Lopez
Joseph & Nancy Mansfield
Timothy McLearn
Robert Medvey
Wendy Merrill
Tom Meyer

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 In Honor of
 The Walk-In Bathtub Crew
 Ann Mooney
 Miles Moritz
 Barry Murray
 Warren Murray
 In Honor of Leo Minervini
 Clifford Nielsen
 Scarlett & Annabelle Ochoa
 Dedicated to Ms. Angelina, Ms.
 Meredith, Mr. Keith
 Ann Parker
 Mike & Loretta Palko
 Richard & Michele Petri
 Kelly Plamondon
 Knox & Stephanie Proctor
 In Honor of Chad Sittig for his
 commitment and leadership
 Knox & Stephanie Proctor
 In Memory of Leo Minervini
 Jane Powell
 Tracy Spellman Powell
 Craig Ramey
 Donald Ramsey
 Katie Richardson
 Bob & Mary Jane Robinson
 James & Nancy Robinson
 Jennifer Santomero Rosenblum
 In Memory of Leo Minervini
 Sally & Richard Rowe
 Renee Salvatore
 Raymond Savage
 Jessica Saxon
 Herman & Gail Schiller
 Margaret Shields
 Keith Shore
 Ken Small
 Charles Dean Smith
 Scott Speet
 Gary Staley
 Kurt & Karmen Sutton
 Gerald Swantek &
 The Swantek Family
 In Memory of Leo Minervini
 Andrea Tolmich-Shalhoub
 Katherine Tuttle
 Ceil Wasserman
 Linda Whitley

Alice Witten
 Liz Witten
Performer - \$50 -\$99
 Judith Bailie
 Joyce Belfance
 Will Blosser
 In Honor of Those who made the
 Sweeney Todd production in 2018
 Darla Burchell
 Eileen Buscemi
 Carolina Creations
 Donna Clayton
 Robert Costa
 Fraser Croft
 Julie Crum
 Crystal Coast Productivity, Inc.
 Samuel Dail
 In Honor of Keith Boyd
 Angelina Doyle
 Kay Eynon
 Rick Faber
 Brandy & Christopher Fillingame
 Lou Gilmore
 Lorene Glew
 Janet Hartman
 Nancy Holzworth
 Donna Hulbert
 Elizabeth Livingston
 Dedicated to Clifford Nielsen
 Janie Meehan
 Frances Meyer
 Catherine Miller
 Lisa Moncrief
 Nancy Obermiller
 Neil Oliver
 Stephen Oliver
 Knox & Stephanie Proctor
 In Honor of Kris Pierson
 Carter Ann Rollins
 James & Bonnie Russell
 In Memory of Leo Minervini, Jr.
 Anonymous
 Joseph Sullivan
 In Memory of Leo
 Ellen Sutliff
 Newell Thomas
 Gail Trunk
 Sharee Webb

Shelia Weibert
 Andrea Wheatley
 Diana Whitmeyer
Donor
 Anonymous
 Christina Banfield
 Anonymous
 Anonymous
 Dedicated to Walk-In Bathtub
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 David Graham
 Anonymous
 Cindy Harrington
 Mary Holt
 Anonymous
 Cody Krieger
 Lu & Richard Hoff
 In Memory of Perry Turner
 Leah Huttlinger Landrum
 In Honor of Leo Minervini
 Michele Lee
 Abbey Lewis
 Anonymous
 Von Lewis
 Dedicated to Keith Boyd
 Alexandria Littrell
 David Milligan
 Joyce Moloney
 Kathleen Morrison
 Jessica Phillips
 Martha Pitcairn
 Anonymous
 Clifford Rafson
 Stephen Robb
 Karen Robertson
 Nanette Sanders-Cobb
 Astrid Schlegel
 Hope Stauffer
 Gabe Stix
 Anonymous
 Melissa Williams
 Aaron Weinerman

In Loving Memory



Leo Minervini was a huge part of the NBCT family and highly respected for his professionalism, guidance, and friendship. He joined NBCT in the early 2000s, volunteering for the theatre to include serving as the Board Treasurer, lighting shows, working on sets, helping backstage, and yes, even gracing the stage as The Godfather for comedy night. Leo, along with his wife, Dottie, dedicated their time to support NBCT and never missed an opportunity to help wherever they could.

Leo, a former IBM manager, trained Angelina Doyle to take over the role of Executive Director and was crucial in catapulting NBCT out of the danger of the recession into a new era of quality shows and streamlined processes. His knowledge of managing and finance was invaluable to the success of the organization. Leo had a hand in mentoring so many of us here with his skills and knowledge of technology. NBCT's Office and Technology Manager, Kris Pierson recalls that Leo was his first computer teacher and continued to teach him technology well into adulthood.

Our love and hearts are always with Leo and his wonderful family and especially his wife, Dottie, who was with him when he passed. She said he thought about NBCT so much over the years and wanted to make sure we were OK. He will be missed.

Linda Lore moved to New Bern from Roanoke in 1992 and quickly immersed herself in the community. She was one of the initial members of the Twin Rivers Art Society and was the proud sponsor and artist of "Freedom Bearer," one of the many life-size fiberglass bears seen in New Bern. Linda and her husband, Dick, were also active members of the New Bern Historical Society. As a lifelong Episcopalian, Linda embraced Christ Church and became involved in numerous church activities. She loved animals, playing bridge, gardening, fishing, and was an avid watercolor artist and a fantastic cook.

Ms. Lore found her way to NBCT and was a long standing season ticket holder and donor. Each year like clockwork, she would call the theatre to select her dates and seats for the new season of shows. At each production we would look forward to seeing her glorious smile and warm greeting when she stepped into the lobby. "She always left each show with an energy that made you feel as though you had given her the best gift," said Angelina Doyle. "We always felt her support." Ms. Lore continued her love and support by including NBCT in her will.

We will truly miss her smile.

