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### Huron Playhouse Adjusts to Realities

When the Huron Playhouse Board of Directors announced the suspension of the 2017 season to take an “intermission” it allowed the Board to focus on a process to establish a solid financial foundation for the organization. The Huron Playhouse Board is happy to announce that the organization has been able to reduce the significant debt to a zero balance.

In an effort to be fiscally responsible, the Board faced the realization that available funding is insufficient to continue the established operating model for what has come to be expected as a typical Huron Playhouse season. To seek information from Huron Playhouse theater-goers, focus group meetings were conducted at the public libraries in Huron, Norwalk, Sandusky and Vermilion. A survey solicited additional input from patrons and alumni. These opportunities provided the Board with additional information to chart the future of the Huron Playhouse.

The Board of Directors has focused on other opportunities as cost saving measures. We have eliminated the office at the Southport building on Williams Street and have liquidated our Main Street storage warehouse to raise funds and reduce overhead.

However, even with all of the cost-cutting measures, the funding sources currently available and anticipated ticket sale proceeds will not be enough to allow the Huron Playhouse to launch a full season in 2018 and in the foreseeable future. The Board of Directors has decided that it will be producing a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Final Bow performance on Saturday, July 21, 2018. Huron Playhouse Alumni, supporters and other interested persons are invited to join in this production that will take a stroll down memory lane and revisit some of the past medleys of the shows that have been performed on the McCormick School stage. This show will serve as the final production under the name of the Huron Playhouse.

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