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## The Rose Theater is Honored to Receive a Generous Grant From the Nebraska Arts Council

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OMAHA, Ne--The Rose Theater has been graciously awarded the Basic Support Grant of \$33,786 from the Nebraska Arts Council in order to support programming of the 2017-18 season.

The Nebraska Arts Council has been a supporter of The Rose Theater for many seasons. A generous grant such as the one provided will allow The Rose Theater to continue its mission in bringing the joy of theater to children and families in the Omaha/Metro area as well as provide support for the overall programming of 2017-18. This includes assisting with the costs of mainstage live theater, and comprehensive drama education for youth including field trips, in-school residencies, workshops, drama and musical theater classes, Pre-K programs and teen programs are supported by this grant. The 2017-18 season will provide audiences with a myriad of stories with new takes on some classics as well as tales not yet seen on The Rose stage.

“We take pride knowing that The Rose is the place where children of all ages experience theater for the first time,” says Rose artistic director Matthew Gutschick. “It is this sense of wonder that makes The Rose truly alive with magic and possibility.”

The Nebraska Arts Council is an organization that is known for promoting, cultivating and sustaining the arts for the people of Nebraska. In an effort to keep the arts alive and flourishing in Nebraska, the Nebraska Arts Council provides grants and services to artists, organizations and communities. These generous awards build creative and proactive leadership in the arts, forge partnerships that create and expand opportunities for the arts and cultivate new resources needed to sustain the arts in Nebraska.

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“With receipt of the Nebraska Arts Council grant, The Rose will be empowered to enrich the lives of children and their families through top-quality professional productions and arts education,” says Gutschick.

The Rose Theater proudly serves approximately 70,000 people through its public performances held at the theater, and nearly 30,000 students through field trip shows annually. Grants like these, allow The Rose to continue to be accessible to all children. No child is ever turned away for economic reasons. The theater is able to give thousands of tickets to area youth-serving charities year after year thanks to the NACs generosity.

It is the generous grants received from organizations such as the Nebraska Art Council, that makes it possible for The Rose Theater to fulfill their mission. The work done at the theater would not be possible were it not for gifts like these.

Gutschick muses, “As they say in theater, ‘the show must go on,’ and the gift from the Nebraska Arts Council truly does help the show go on at The Rose Theater.”

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### **About The Rose**

The Rose Theater is one of the largest and most accomplished children’s theaters in the nation, with a reputation for enriching the lives of children and families through top-quality professional productions and arts education. In 2016, American Theatre magazine named The Rose one of the 20 top children’s theaters in the United States. The Rose is committed to making the arts accessible to all children, providing opportunities for thousands of children throughout the community to attend shows and participate in classes each year. Over the course of a year, approximately 70,000 people attend the public performances held at the theater, and nearly 30,000 students attend field trip shows annually. The theater strives to introduce young people to a mix of both traditional favorites and ground-breaking original productions. A number of plays and musicals have made their world premiere on The Rose stage, including Pete The Cat: The Musical, Sherlock Holmes & the First Baker Street Irregular, Zen Ties, Buffalo Bill’s Cowboy Band, and The Grocer’s Goblin & The Little Mermaid. We take pride knowing that The Rose is the place where children of all ages experience theater for the first time, and we are dedicated to helping them appreciate theater for a lifetime.

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