

State of Louisiana



Parish of Caddo In the Name and By the Authority of The Caddo Parish Commission

Special Resolution of Recognition

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to acknowledge events of note that celebrate the existences of institutional members of our community, particularly when those entities have in their time made profound and dynamic contributions toward the betterment of Caddo Parish and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, such an institution is Stage Center which originated as a discussion between several young artist in the fall of 2011 about how to fill gaps in the local theater community and has now grown into a cornerstone of regional theater whose 12th season opens today with The Color Purple, a show which has broken all previous sales records and sold out its entire run before the first performance; and

WHEREAS, Emily Kitchens, Seth Taylor, Jared Watson and Missy Wise formally established Stage Center in 2012 to fill the gap between young children's theater and theater for a mature, seasoned audiences, by focusing on bright, energetic shows that appeal to audiences more accustomed to streaming online than live theater- a successful goal that has led to over 80 live productions, a School of Performing Arts, a Performance Team, and even a partnership with the Actor's Equity Association; and

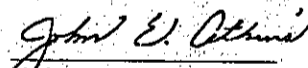
WHEREAS, Stage Center, under the leadership of its President Courtney Gabriel and joined by a Board made up of original founders, Emily Mwakitawa, and Zhailon Levingston has had so much to be proud of in recent years. In addition to setting and breaking tickets sales records while delighting audiences with diverse productions, they have established programs like the Performance Team, for those under 18 who want to study & compete in musical theater year round and has grown from 9 students to 30 in recent years and earned accolades from the National Invitational Junior Theater Festival including 4 separate Excellent Individual Performance awards, awards for Ensemble Work, Dance, and Music, perfect scores for their 2019 Aladdin performance and capturing the highest award given, Outstanding Performance, for their 2021 performance of the Lion King; and

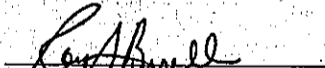
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby extend its heartiest and most sincere congratulations and best wishes to Stage Center. The Caddo Parish Commission in legal and regular session convened that it does hereby declare and proclaim January 5th, 2023, as

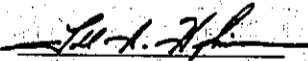
'Stage Center Day'


in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in recognition and in acknowledgment of the ongoing extraordinary contributions made by this institution, through which it has reflected much honor, prestige, and pride upon this community.


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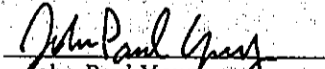

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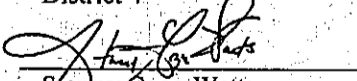

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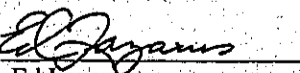

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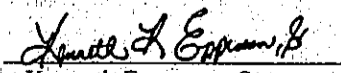

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