



## *Dear Fringe Fan,*

As we near the end of 2009, despite the tight economic times we've all been facing, it was a great year for IndyFringe. I hope you will consider a gift to IndyFringe this year. No matter how large or small, it will be used responsibly to continue providing support to independent artists and audiences alike - you have my promise on that.

Your contributions are and will continue to be invaluable in providing the operating income to present the festival. Your contributions allow us to continue to give back 100% of the box office to the performers. Over the past five years our performers have earned \$400,000. The money generated during the IndyFringe festival funds writers, directors, technicians, actors, stage hands, costume designers and young arts administrators.

2009 was a fabulously rewarding year. We completed the restoration and renovation of the IndyFringe building and now provide a year-round, low cost rehearsal and performing space for independent artists.

Already the IndyFringe building has played host to:

- \* 6,600 patrons at Fringe events, fundraisers and shows.
- \* 19 independent productions, 13 community groups and FringeNext youth theatre.
- \* 11 free FringeFriday performer showcases with over 44 performers, musicians and artists.

The fifth annual 2009 IndyFringe Festival was a huge success with:

- \* 280 performances on six stages, highlighting the work of 600 artists.
- \* 12,000 patrons - a 16 percent increase over 2008.
- \* \$87,000 was paid out to the performers.

An exciting year is ahead for 2010:

- \* The first-ever Midwest Fringe Circuit, a collaboration with our colleagues in Kansas City, Minneapolis and Chicago, will encourage artists to perform at all four festivals.
- \* In May, we will premiere DivaFest - a juried event that provides an opportunity for women playwrights, especially emerging artists. See [www.indyfringe.org](http://www.indyfringe.org) for more details.

We rely on donations from individuals like you to cushion our artists from the pressures of the marketplace. Fringe is the best opportunity Indianapolis theater artists have to stretch their audiences and themselves to create challenging and experimental work without financial strain. Please consider either a single gift or a recurring monthly tax deductible donation to IndyFringe.

Make a secure donation online today at [indyfringe.org](http://indyfringe.org)!

The Board of IndyFringe, Justin Brady, Becki and Jeff Roach, Volunteer Coordinators join me in wishing you a very happy holiday.

*Sincerely,*  
*Pauline Moffat*

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Executive Director  
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