



BARNSTORMERS
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March 29, 2022
Cathy Kemper-Pelle, President
3345 Redwood Highway
Grants Pass, OR 97527

Dear Dr. Cathy Kemper-Pelle,

As members of both the theater community and the community at large we are very much in favor of the Rogue Bowl renovation effort. The Rogue Bowl was a staple of Rogue Valley performing arts for many years, and its closure has left a void that has been difficult to fill. Having looked at the renovation mockup and taken stock of the potential of the location we would like to voice our wholehearted support for this project. Barnstormers Theatre is the longest continuously running nonprofit theatre in the state of Oregon. Throughout the decades we have created theatre in many forms. We would regularly book the RCC bowl for outdoor productions, summer camp, and more, if given the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Tanaia Green, Board President

Niki Richards, Executive Director

Tim Coatney, Production Coordinator

Barnstormers Theater

112 NE Evelyn Ave

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Grants Pass & Josephine County
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

March 24, 2022

Cathy Kemper-Pelle, President
3345 Redwood Highway
Grants Pass, OR 97527

Dear Dr. Cathy Kemper-Pelle,

Please accept this letter of support for the Rogue Bowl renovation. The Rogue Bowl has been an important piece of our community since it was constructed in 1982 for community events, concerts, graduations, and other uses. Unfortunately, due to lack of handicap accessibility, outdated equipment, and some other needed renovations, it has not been used in many years.

With this requested renovation, Grants Pass would have access to a much needed and safe area for not only RCC to hold outside functions, but also provide an area for community events.

Grants Pass lacks an outdoor stage for these types of events. The Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce has an old stage that we use for an outdoor Concert in the Park series. We also rent it out to numerous organizations for outdoor events and gatherings. Our stage is old, and we will be retiring it soon. Besides some very small venues, that is the only option right now.

The Rogue Bowl is the perfect location for an outdoor stage with its unique layout and location. The backdrop is a beautiful, wooded area. Southern Oregon has beautiful weather and so much potential for a modern, updated outdoor stage.

It would be an asset to our entire community. We strongly encourage any support to renovate the Rogue Bowl.

Sincerely,


Josie Molloy
President & CEO

Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce



March 28, 2022

Cathy Kemper-Pelle, President
3345 Redwood Highway
Grants Pass, OR 97527

Dear Dr. Kemper-Pelle,

I'm writing to express my support for renovation of the Marjorie Holzgang Concert Bowl at Rogue Community College. As a Grants Pass native, I have fond memories of watching musical theater productions (and rolling down the grassy hills) at the RCC Bowl. I know the Bowl has fallen into disuse in recent years because of accessibility concerns and outdated equipment.

As we have no comparable outdoor venue in Grants Pass, it would be wonderful to have this facility back in use as a music and theater venue. The Bowl has tremendous potential for development as a tourism asset as well as a forum for local youth and community members to participate in the performing arts, as audience member or performer, and perhaps roll down a grassy hill.

I'm happy to support this project.

Sincerely,

Sara Bristol
Mayor

CF#026-2022

Rotary

Club of Grants Pass



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March 27, 2022

Cathy Kemper-Pelle, President
3345 Redwood Highway
Grants Pass, OR 97527

Dear Dr. Cathy Kemper-Pelle,

Ah the Marjorie Holzgang Concert Bowl (Rogue Bowl). How many fond memories we all have of Rogue Music Theater performances in this facility for many years! Although this facility has served the area for long time is it no longer being used due to inaccessibility and outdated equipment. The proposed infrastructure improvements would revitalize this venue making it assessable to all, safe and up to date allowing this wonderful facility to once again become a gem for Southern Oregon.

The Rotary Club of Grants Pass wholeheartedly supports this renovations project.

Sincerely,



Ann Rusk

President

Rotary Club of Grants Pass
541-660-3390

March 30, 2022

Dr. Cathy Kemper-Pelle
3345 Redwood Hwy
Grants Pass, OR 97527

Dear Dr. Kemper-Pelle,

We strongly endorse the Rogue Community College Foundation request for funds to renovate the Rogue Bowl located on the Redwood Campus in Grants Pass, Oregon.

For more than 30 years the Rogue Community College bowl was the hub of community activities bringing together people from every corner of our region. On warm summer nights local residents enjoyed seeing one another at the offerings of Rogue Music Theater, attended political gatherings, or proudly watched their loved ones walk across the stage at graduation ceremonies in the spring.

Unseen, however, were many who couldn't attend such events because the venue lacked accommodations for those whose physical conditions didn't allow them to maneuver the steep hillside to a seat, or whose hearing made the dated sound system leave them frustrated when those all around them were laughing or applauding happily at what was happening on the stage.

The RCC Foundation has been striving to bring the Bowl back into circulation for all members of the community, and will continue this effort until the fundraising goal of \$2,500,000 has been achieved. This is an especially propitious moment as we emerge from the pandemic which has kept so many isolated and longing for a return to the community activities that make our area such a richly satisfying place to live.

Thank you for your support of our community.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Krauss Phillippi
RCC Foundation Board Member



Kathryn Krauss
Original RCC Faculty, 40-year tenure



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March 23, 2022

Dear Dr. Cathy Kemper-Pelle,

I am writing to endorse the request from the Rogue Community College Foundation for funding to support the renovation of the Rogue Bowl located on the Redwood Campus of Rogue Community College in Grants Pass, Oregon.

Despite the community's initial investment in the construction of the venue and frequent use over the years, the bowl is in need for extensive renovations to keep it relevant, safe, and viable for future generations. These improvements will create a more inclusive space for all community members including those who face physical challenges.

The RCC Foundation has worked hard to find donors to support this initiative and will continue to do so until the fundraising goal of \$2,500,000 has been achieved. A gift to the RCC Foundation for this project will positively impact our community for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Valerie Barr, Board President



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March 31, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in support of renovation of the Bowl on the campus of Rogue Community College in Grants Pass.

I have had a love affair with the RCC Bowl since 1988 when I first performed on the stage in *Man of La Mancha*. Each year after that until 1994 I attended the summer musicals produced under the stars. It was the perfect venue to take my small children to and introduce them to live theater. In 1994 I starred in *The King and I* leading to my becoming General Manager of Rogue Music Theatre in 1995. I produce a series of yearly musicals, summer camps and holiday programs there until the summer of 1998. The thrill of performing in front of 2,000 people cannot be replicated!

The "Bowl" had been a space that magic could be created in. From dance to opera, symphonic work to a folk duo, this space rivals Britt Festivals in all ways possible. It is the only venue in Josephine County that has the capacity for arts organizations to not only offer top notch entertainment but also treat their patrons to an elegant, beautiful setting.

The Rogue Valley Symphony whole heartedly supports the plans to renovate this space. The cultural life in the Rogue Valley thrives through the rich web of arts organizations, of which the Bowl and RCC can return to being one of the jewels in the crown jewel.

The "Bowl" is worthy of our and your support!

During these difficult and challenging times, it is important to honor and acknowledge what is still here! We are all still here and ready to perform to thousands of patrons on the campus of Rogue Community College.

Sincerely,

P. Joelle Graves
Executive Director

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