



"There is nothing good or bad, but thinking makes it so." - William Shakespeare, Hamlet

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Dear Friend of Door Shakespeare:

Anniversaries are important occasions, aren't they? They mark our passage through time and give us a moment to ponder, review, reflect, and celebrate. This year, Door Shakespeare reached a milestone of special note – our 25th anniversary. Plans to honor our journey, celebrate our achievements, and strategize for our future were in full tilt ... until March. And we all know what happened then.

In 2020, it would be easy to take exception with our good friend Hamlet, to argue that bad things aren't just a matter of attitude. Yes, to be sure, bad things happen. We're not denying that our world has been turned on its head. Yet from that unfamiliar, uncomfortable vantage point, we've found a lot to celebrate and much that has inspired gratitude.

Like others this year, Door Shakespeare discovered ways to reimagine the world and our place in it. We turned to virtual technology in order to hold our children's theater program, Camp Will. We experimented with new platforms and editing techniques to bring you productions of *Rosalind* and *The Comedy of Errors* and to continue our reading series with *Shakespeare's Legacy*, *Dream Upon Avon*, and *Holidays on Ice*. And though our highly anticipated 25th Anniversary Gala didn't materialize as planned, our virtual gala was successful not only as a fundraiser, but as an affirmation of the creativity, kindness, and spirit of collaboration that have emerged throughout the pandemic.

Which brings us to you. From our very first foray into the world of virtual production, you were there for us from coast to coast. You joined us from Arizona, California, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas ... and even Canada and Italy! Your unflagging support has made it possible for us to do what we love and to keep our actors, directors, costume and set designers, and ... this year, our film editors ... working at their crafts.

As we begin planning for next year's season, we hope you will be there for us again. While we don't know what 2021 has in store, we do know that we will be here for you and your family, bringing you the best of classical and classically inspired theatre, embracing local and regional artists, and nurturing the artists of the future. Please know that if you can make a donation to our annual appeal, your gift will make a difference and help to ensure the future of Door Shakespeare as we move toward returning to the stage.

As always ... you inspire us, you motivate us, and we thank you.



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