Our mission is to connect and enrich our community through the transforming power of the arts. We endeavor to strengthen our community and nurture, enrich, and enlighten the lives of those we touch. Our hope is to make our world a better place one great performance at a time.
message from the executive director

On behalf of the FTC Team and the Board of Directors, thank you for another successful year at FTC. The Warehouse continues to be the hottest venue in the area, attracting a host of new artists to Fairfield. We have completed the major work on our "Loft" Headquarters, with a new entrance on Unquowa Road connecting us directly to downtown Fairfield. Renovations continue on StageOne and on the reconfiguration of our backstage areas which will make them more accommodating for the hundreds of artists who perform at FTC every year. The FTC Education Center is nearly completed and we are already hosting lessons and workshops in our new rehearsal rooms. In short, it has been a busy year. 2020 is also the 20th Anniversary of FTC and we have exciting events planned including a Grand Opening of the entire FTC Campus. Thank you for being a part of our growth and success. I look forward to seeing you at FTC!

JOHN REID  Executive Director

message from the chairman

Three years ago I was honored to accept the position of Chairman of the Board of the Fairfield Theatre Company. During that time our organization has grown and continued to thrive. Each year, the volume, quality, and diversity of our programming expands and continually resets an already very high bar. The FTC campus facility improvements are spectacular and the fun meter is off the scale. I couldn’t be prouder of our achievements or more excited about the future. My term is coming to end and I am pleased to hand the FTC gavel over to Lou Heumann. Lou is a long-serving active Board Member who will ably lead us on the roads ahead. With her leadership and the exceptional Board of Directors in place, FTC is in great hands.

As my Chairmanship closes, I ask you one more time to support FTC by giving generously to our Annual Appeal. With your help, FTC will continue to be the number one cultural HUB in Fairfield County and the standard by which arts organizations are measured.

JAMIE ORVIS  Chairman Board of Directors
BY THE NUMBERS

In 2019, more people than ever came to FTC to connect with their community and experience world-class performing arts. Once again, we saw our attendance, patronage, employment, and economic impact increase from the previous year.

**70,000+ ATTENDEES**
**380 EVENTS**
**179 CONCERTS**
**60 COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS**
**39 FILMS**
**14 COMEDY SHOWS**
**9 ART GALLERY OPENINGS**
**7 THEATER PRODUCTIONS**
**5 FREE COMMUNITY FESTIVALS**

**$4,189,385 ANNUAL REVENUE**
**$6,500,000 ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY**
**65,000+ E-MAIL SUBSCRIBERS**
**1,700+ FTC MEMBERS**
**1,000+ MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS BOOKED**
**26 PART-TIME STAFF**
**20 FULL-TIME STAFF**

We’re growing! Maintaining growth in our programming (more music, more film, more everything!) while holding the line on Fundraising and Administrative expenses.

*Arts & Economic Prosperity 5: The Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts and Cultural Organizations and Their Audiences in Fairfield County*
2019 was another great year for live music at FTC. Both StageOne and The Warehouse hosted amazing performers from around the world, many for the first time. Artists like Matt Nathanson, Candlebox, the Lemonheads, and X made their debut at FTC in 2019. We also welcomed back old favorites like Southside Johnny, Sister Sparrow and the Dirty Birds, and Robert Randolph. It’s not surprising that FTC was, once again, chosen as “The Best Place for Live Music in Fairfield County” in the Best of the Gold Coast reader’s poll.
**THEATER**

FTC was once again host to several successful theater productions. Play With Your Food completed another season on StageOne playing to packed audiences, the New Paradigm Theatre returned with their annual holiday musical and students from Easton Country Day School performed the Broadway favorite “Guys & Dolls”.

**ART**

Art/Place continued to host examples of art, photography and sculpture in the FTC Gallery along with several interesting events for members and the community.

**FILM**

The FTC film program continued its growth in FY19. FTC screened a record number of films with a total of over 5000 attendees. Highlights included a sold-out screening of the Oscar-winning documentary “Free Solo” in the Warehouse and a 50th Anniversary screening of “2001: A Space Odyssey” hosted by the star of the film, Kier Dullea. Popular series continued including the Outdoor Sports Center Adventure Film Series, the Oscar Shorts, Films that Rock, and FTC Film Club.

**COMEDY**

Comedy remains an important and growing segment of our programming. The season included signature comedy performances by Colin Quinn and Janeane Garofalo in the Warehouse and Lisa Lampanelli in StageOne.
MUSIC EDUCATION
PROGRAMS

FTC Education Center: Our new center for music education in the Loft is nearly completed and we are already hosting lessons and workshops in the new rehearsal rooms. We are excited about this new space and thankful for the financial support that made it possible.

Saturday Kids: Not every child can afford music lessons so we help to make that possible. Partnering with a local nonprofit, KEYS, each year we raise money to buy instruments, pay music instructors and provide space for free lessons. Over 60 students participated this year and over 600 free lessons were given.

Maureen Hamill’s Summer Cabaret Workshop:
Every summer, FTC is alive with the voices of children who come to learn musical theater skills. The program is organized around three, two-week sessions and each session concludes with an evening performance on StageOne. This year over 120 students of all ages and backgrounds participated in the program. FTC also provided scholarships for students in need.

THE LOFT
FTC’s new LOFT Headquarters on Unquowa Road is open! Thanks to those of you who supported this important project.

FTC FUNDRAISERS
It was another year of great fundraisers at FTC. Thanks to all of you who participated!