



WORDS FROM THE WINGS

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BEING THANKFUL

We are pressed in November to consider what we are thankful for. That is a good practice year-round, but in November it is the thing to do. My friend hosts a dinner with friends before the big turkey day, and even though I have only been on the guest list once so far, it is already something I look forward to as a yearly tradition (as long as I stay a good friend at least!).

Thomas Golden



Last year we took the time for the traditional round-the-table expressions of what we were thankful for. I was struck by the fact that I was thankful just to be where I was due to the fact that I have lived and traveled all over the world. I have lived three years in Italy, a year in Afghanistan (not so much a lifestyle choice but a military order), time in Florida and the East side of SD, as well as growing up in different parts of the Dakotas and Montana. Honestly, I would have been happy to settle down just about anywhere, but for the longest time it felt as though our family would just float from place to place. That was until we moved to Lead.

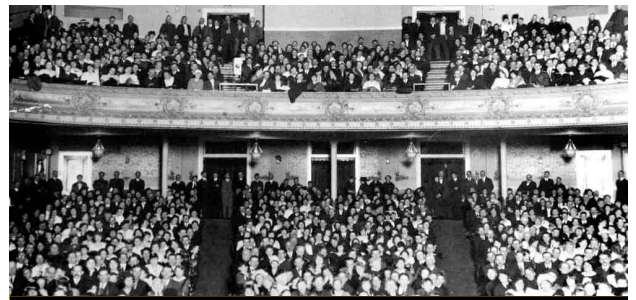
We have lived in Lead for just over two years and I have the overwhelming sense of it being "home". My son was listing all the things that a new place would need if we were ever to move again, and it was just a long list of names. I realized that we have never had this many close friends in a town before in our adult lives. What a gift!

And then there is this Opera House. Managing a nonprofit can be no fun...all work and very little play. But managing this Opera House is a chance to walk into history day after day. On any given day, I can either be sitting at my desk writing an email or upstairs programming the lights for an upcoming show. Being a part of the ongoing programming and restoration of this magnificent treasure is something I am thankful for each and every day.

And with that, I am thankful for you, our friends and supporters who have seen us through two unique years of starts and stops. I look forward to welcoming you to the Opera House in the near future. There are plenty of opportunities with rich programming through the rest of the year and well into the spring. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Thomas Golden

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ALL TOGETHER NOW: NOVEMBER 12-14 A GLOBAL EVENT CELEBRATING LOCAL THEATRE



We were sorry to see the Gold Camp Players disband last year. In the spirit of the foundation of community theatre that they left in their wake, the Homestake Opera House has developed "Homestake Theatre Works" a new community theatre outreach of the HOH. If you would like to attend a future meeting or receive information about auditions and backstage opportunities contact Cassie Sams at education@homestakeoperahouse.org.



The inaugural production of Homestake Theatre Works will be **All Together Now: A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre**. Music Theatre International has made this musical review available for free to theatre groups like ours meaning that ticket sales for this musical will directly benefit the Homestake Opera House and increase our capacity to provide quality plays and musicals in the future. Come enjoy music from all of your favorite Broadway musicals and support local theatre!

We are thrilled to have **Magical Medora Christmas** here on December 5th. Come celebrate the season with stars and veterans of the storied Medora Musical! We expect this performance to sell out as it has at other venues in the past, so get your tickets fast on our website!

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES

is planned for December 9th. This is our annual fundraiser and we are excited to have it live and in person this year. Come enjoy food, drink, live entertainment, and bid on your favorite tree to support the Homestake Opera House as we close out 2021 and look forward to an exciting new year in 2022! We have plenty of room for tree and wreath donations. Contact Cassie at education@homestakeoperahouse.org for more information!

