



PROCLAMATION

STAGE COACH PLAYERS

75 th SEASON
2021-2022

Stage Coach Players Week June 27 – July 4, 2021

WHEREAS, Stage Coach Players of DeKalb County, Inc., founded in the spring of 1947, is celebrating its Seventy-Fifth Season in 2021-2022, making it one of the oldest community theaters in the State of Illinois, in point of continuous service; and

WHEREAS, Stage Coach Players has had its home, the Stage Coach Theater, on 126 S. Fifth Street, DeKalb, IL, since 2001; and

WHEREAS, Stage Coach Players has produced numerous musicals, plays, cabarets and other theatrical productions during the 75 seasons of its existence and has collaborated with many venues, including the Egyptian Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Stage Coach Players, in these productions, has given creative opportunities to over 10,000 performers from the Northern Illinois area and over 10,000 technicians; and

WHEREAS, Stage Coach Players, through these productions, has delighted audiences of over 500,000; and

WHEREAS, Stage Coach Players, through these productions, has provided valuable training and experience for a significant number of performers and backstage technicians who have gone on to pursue careers in entertainment and the arts profession; and

WHEREAS, Stage Coach Players has contributed its funds, talents and properties to other organizations including Northern Illinois University, Children's Community Theatre, Family Service Agency, NIRIS, local schools, Kishwaukee Community Hospital, Kiwanis, Gurler House, NIU Elderhostel, Community Expos, Egyptian Theatre, and the Egyptian Theatre's Live Lunch Music Series ; and

WHEREAS, Stage Coach Players has expanded its Community Outreach to provide food for 15 food pantries, food for Salvation Army's Thanksgiving meal collection, and Christmas gifts for the Salvation Army, Family Service Agency, and Toys for Tots; and

WHEREAS, Stage Coach Players has utilized social media to present Virtual Cabarets and offer virtual games, productions, and workshops; and

WHEREAS, Stage Coach Players has been recognized for the excellence of its work by the Altrusa Club and Cities of DeKalb and Sycamore and by grants from the DeKalb County Community Foundation and the Illinois Arts Council; now

THEREFORE, I, Cohen Barnes, do hereby proclaim the week of June 27 – July 4, 2021, as Stage Coach Players Week in recognition of its excellence in service and its contributions to the citizens of DeKalb.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 28th day of June 2021.



COHEN BARNES, Mayor