## SECOND CENTURY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



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## Muny Receives \$4 Million Gift from Barbara and Andrew Taylor in Support of Second Century Capital Campaign

**ST. LOUIS (Feb. 26, 2019)** – The Muny announced today the acquisition of a \$4 million gift from Barbara and Andrew Taylor towards The Muny's Second Century Capital Campaign. Given in honor of their great niece and current Muny Teen Allison Broadhurst, who began performing at The Muny in 2011, this gift will aid in the renovation of The Muny's West Platform.

Located adjacent to the West Pre-Show Stage and Picnic Plaza, this platform is utilized in a variety of ways, including: an outdoor rehearsal space, a performance stage for Muny Kids and Teens showcases and private pre-show events. In the off-season, it serves as a gathering space for community events such as Earth Day, the African Arts Film Festival and private events.

With this generous gift, a state-of-the-art renovation to the West Platform will be made possible. Improvements will include enhanced lighting, large-scale fans, a new dance floor complete with an operational turntable and landscaping. It will also include updates to the prop storage warehouse located directly beneath the platform.

"We are honored and grateful to receive such a generous gift from Barbara and Andy," said Muny President and CEO Denny Reagan. "The West Platform renovation that this gift makes possible is crucial to the success of our productions and for them to honor Allison and all of the young people who are a part of each summer here is a uniquely fitting touch."

"The Muny is truly a singular institution that has been a cultural staple for over a century," said Barbara Taylor. "Our gift, in honor of Allison, will help continue their mission and offer artists a state-of-the-art rehearsal space that is truly one of a kind."

"Barbara and I have shared countless Muny memories together," said Andrew Taylor. "Thanks to Allison, we have gained a 'behind the curtain' sense of what each production takes. This being said, we are thrilled to see what a renovated rehearsal space will provide for years of magic to come."

To give, or for more information regarding The Muny's Second Century Capital Campaign, please visit muny.org/secondcentury.

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<u>The Muny's</u> mission is to enrich lives by producing exceptional musical theatre, accessible to all, while continuing its remarkable tradition in Forest Park. As the nation's largest outdoor musical theatre, we produce seven world-class musicals each year and welcome over 400,000 theatregoers over our nine-week season. Now celebrating 101 seasons in St. Louis, The Muny remains one of the premier institutions in musical theatre. For more information about The Muny, visit <u>muny.org</u>.