



“NOW IS THE TIME, THE MOMENT IS HERE. OUR COMMUNITY IS READY, AND THE LEADERSHIP OF PAPER MILL IS DEDICATED TO MAKING THIS VISION A REALITY. THIS IS MORE THAN A CAMPAIGN—IT’S OUR CHANCE TO SHAPE THE FUTURE. TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY THAT WILL INSPIRE AND ENRICH GENERATIONS TO COME.”

Ted Bourke

Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Next Act Campaign

LOOKING AHEAD: THE NEED FOR CHANGE

Modernized facilities represent the evolution of Paper Mill Playhouse as an artistic and cultural center that will take us into the future.

Maintaining an 86-year-old theater comes with many challenges. The needs of our performers, students, as well as our patrons and staff, have outgrown our facility in its current state. When you look behind the doors, you will now see years of wear and tear. Our audiences, artists, staff, and students are yearning for enhanced, reimagined facilities that complement the world-class productions they see on our stage.

Faced with numerous facility challenges over the years, the Board of Trustees and the leadership of Paper Mill Playhouse identified areas for improvement. We are seeking solutions for:

- Aging equipment
- Crowded lobbies
- Insufficient restroom facilities
- Accessibility issues
- Out-of-date HVAC and mechanical systems
- Leaking roofs and flooding
- Dated interior finishes
- Cramped spaces for growing artistic and education programs
- Improved public spaces, additional meeting space, and increased capacity in the restaurant

This is a pivotal moment as the organization takes a bold step forward that will transform Paper Mill Playhouse into a state-of-the-art theatrical and educational space for patrons, students, artists, and community members.