

\$775 Approved

SPCE Rotary Community Grant Application (2026-2027)

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Requesting Organization Name	Lyric Music Theater
Organization Website (if applicable)	lyricmusictheater.org
Address	Street Address: 176 Sawyer Street City: South Portland State / Province: ME Postal / Zip Code: 04106
Is your organization a 501(c)(3). If not, do you have a fiscal sponsor?	Yes
Year Established	1952
Type of Request	Theatrical performance support
Program / Project Name	Children Workshop "Peter Pan Junior"
Requested Amount	\$775

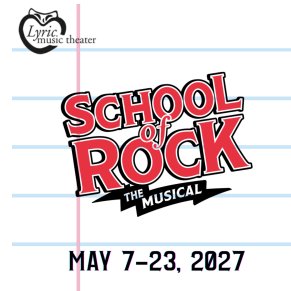
Program / Project
Description

Lyric Music Theater in South Portland has been offering great community theater musicals and non-musical plays to our regional audiences since 1952. This year, in our 2026-27 season, we are celebrating our 75th Diamond Anniversary! Here is our season line-up of shows:

LYRIC'S 75th Anniversary

2026-27 SEASON

MAIN STAGE



CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP



December 4-6, 2026

Lyric is an all-volunteer organization with our own theater facility on Sawyer Street and our programmatic and operational expenses covered primarily through ticket sales, and through fundraising efforts and community donations. As all organizations know, our expenses have increased significantly in the past few years, including the cost of licenses for our shows. Our show production team leadership receive a nominal stipend (others receive no stipend at all) for the many many hours they commit to developing and presenting each show; the cast members

volunteer their time and talent to bring memorable theater to our audiences.

One way we raise funds to help cover our costs is through show sponsorships and advertisements in our season program, which also includes the details for each show on our main stage and for our children's workshop production.

In our 75th anniversary year, we hope Rotary Club of South Portland Cape Elizabeth will consider a donation of \$775, and be designated as a 75th Anniversary Show Sponsor for one of our shows. A Rotary SPCE full-page ad will be included in the season program, and verbal/print sponsorship recognition will be included during the selected show. Rotary members may be very interested in sponsoring the Children's Workshop production of *Peter Pan Jr*, which will show December 4, 5 and 6. This musical version includes some of the beloved songs folks may remember: "I'm Flying", "I Won't Grow Up" and "Never Never Land."

Is this a time-sensitive request?

Yes.

If the request is time sensitive, by what date are the funds needed?

08-31-2026. This is the date by which ad copy needs to be provided in order to appear in the season program. As the show sponsor for "Peter Pan Junior", Rotary's ad would appear throughout the season, starting 9/11/26 and ending mid-June 2027.

Are there other ways that Rotarians can be of service to your organization/project/program (such as volunteering, mentoring, professional services)?

Lyric puts out calls for volunteer help days periodically—to help with outside and inside projects, and to ready the facility for work projects. We also are always in need of volunteer ushers, who help out in the lobby and auditorium and in exchange get to see shows for free! We'd love to invite Rotarians to help out at our next big work day, and will always welcoming ushers.