

**STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**

BUFFALO, NY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

***Celebrating and Honoring
Jeanne Hebborn Cairns, Esteemed Actor, Director and Producer on Her
Induction into the Theatre District Association's Plaza of Stars***

WHEREAS, *Jeanne Hebborn Cairns* was born and raised in London, England; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cairns attended the Royal Academy of Theatre Arts, London, and in 1962, moved to Buffalo where Studio Arena Theatre, under the leadership of legendary Artistic Director Neal Du Brock, discovered her immense talent; and

WHEREAS, her prolific career began at Studio Arena Theatre with roles in high-profile productions, alongside such luminaries as Betty Buckley, George Grizzard, Lester Rawlins, John Schuck and fellow British actors Donald Ewer and Paxton Whitehead, who would later serve as Artistic Director of the Shaw Festival, Niagara-On-The-Lake; and

WHEREAS, her acting and directing also took her to New York City, Florida, Ohio, Missouri, Texas, and London, England; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne co-founded, produced and performed for MHM Productions at the Statler Hilton and Way Off Broadway Productions; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her acting, Ms. Cairns also is a director, with credits such as Shirley Valentine (ICTC), Love Letters (O'Connell & Company), Sleuth, Deathtrap, Oklahoma, Lips Together, Teeth Apart, and many more; and

WHEREAS, she has performed and/or directed with the Amherst Players, Artpark, Irish Classical Theatre Company, O'Connell & Company, the Kavinoky Theatre, and Theatre for Change; and

WHEREAS, her Studio Arena credits include Shear Madness, A Little Night Music, A Man for All Seasons, Charlie's Aunt, Harvey, The Importance of Being Earnest, Uncle Vanya and countless others; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne was a member of the first resident company of Studio Arena Theatre, whose many stage achievements including originating the iconic role of Sister Clarissa in Tom Dudzick's homage to Buffalo, Over the Tavern; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cairns has also made an impact through her extraordinary career spanning more than four decades and was honored with an ARTY Lifetime Achievement Award for her exceptional Career Achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that with the utmost respect and admiration, the Erie County Legislature hereby recognizes *Jeanne Hebborn Cairns* for her dedication and service throughout our community demonstrating her acting, directing, filmmaking and producing prowess; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature also congratulates Jeanne on being inducted and presented with a Star in the Plaza of Stars of the Theatre District Association of Western New York on September 16, 2019, and wishes her the very best for her future productions.

Hon. John Bruso
Erie County Legislator, 8th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature