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April 5, 2012

Hon. Lynn M. Marinelli
Erie County Legislature
1701 Hertel Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14216

Dear Hon. Marinelli,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the staff of the Irish Classical Theatre Company (ICTC), I would like to acknowledge our receipt of check #238603 in the amount of \$36,855, representing the first of two payments for cultural funding granted in our 2012 Cultural Services Contract with the County of Erie. We truly appreciate that the County of Erie recognizes the valuable services that our theatre provides in the community and has renewed its investment in the arts and cultural organizations of Erie County.

As you are aware, it is the mission of the Irish Classical Theatre Company to present the greatest works of dramatic literature, produced at the highest level of artistic excellence for the public of Buffalo, Western New York and Southern Ontario. As "Buffalo's flagship theatre", ICTC serves over **17,000 patrons annually** through its mission-driven programming, **employs 170 individuals** and provides opportunities for over **200 volunteers** each season. In addition, ICTC serves over **1,000 underserved students** annually in the City of Buffalo through its education and outreach programs.

In total, ICTC and its audiences had an economic impact of 1.24 million dollars on the City of Buffalo alone, last year.

Funding from the County of Erie will provide general operating support for the Irish Classical Theatre Company, ensuring the successful execution of ICTC's mission-driven programming and the services it provides. The Irish Classical Theatre Company's Board of Trustees and staff also recently adopted a strategic plan, outlining the future artistic and managerial goals for the company over the next three-year period. This funding will also help ICTC to implement the initiatives outlined in our strategic plan to include expanding ICTC's audience development initiatives and further developing our artistic product in an effort to increase our earned revenue and better serve the community of Erie County.

Thank you, again, for supporting the work of the Irish Classical Theatre Company, and I appreciate your support of future initiatives to sustain funding for the arts and cultural organizations of Erie County.

Best regards,

Vincent O'Neill
Artistic Director

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