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City Theatre Company Hosts First-Ever Successful Fundraiser

FAIRFAX, VA.—Calling the City of Fairfax Theatre Company, “our community theater,” Mayor Scott Silverthorne welcomed 200 guests to the theatre’s first-ever fund raiser.

Billed as “Fairfax Cabaret,” 20 volunteer performers ranging in age from 8 to 58 years-old entertained the sold-out audience of family, friends and community leaders who gathered in space donated by PJ Skidoos restaurant.

At the end of the event, more than \$5,000 had been raised for the seven-year-old community theatre, which offers educational summer camps, workshops for young people and adults and opportunities for entire families to perform in productions.

CFTC was founded in 2008 by two local theatre teachers from Fairfax High School to create opportunities for children and adults to work together to create good, quality theatre.

“Since its first production of *Children of Eden* in 2008, more than 1,100 children and adults have acted, learned and worked as crew throughout the multi-week processes of CFTC performances, and hundreds more have learned the craft through camps and workshops,” said Sen. J. Chap Petersen (D- VA 34th), the evening’s co-host.

“By attending tonight, you are helping to make that work possible, and providing the opportunity for CFTC to grow. On behalf of everyone who lives and works in our city, I extend my gratitude to you,” Mayor Silverthorne told the audience.

The CFTC summer production of *Hairspray* will run July 17-18 and July 24-25 at Lanier Middle School. More information is available on the CFTC website, www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org. CFTC Summer Camps offer children ages 5 through 14 the opportunities to create their own theatrical productions and learn from theatre professionals. One week sessions begin July 20 and run through August 14. <http://www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org/summer-drama-camp.html>

About the City of Fairfax Community Theatre

Created in 2008, the City of Fairfax Theatre Company enriches, educates and connects our community through theatre programming for all ages. CFTC believes in providing a multitude of opportunities, including family-

friendly performances, camps and workshops, for young people and adults in the City of Fairfax and also surrounding communities. www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org