

February 6, 2009

Dear Friends,

Recently, on a freezing cold Saturday afternoon, I walked into the church basement where Theatre Unbound rehearses many of our shows, and I saw a remarkable sight. The tables were draped with colorful quilts, or heaped with fabric scraps in dozens of shades. Women gathered around them, discussing pattern and color. They were theatre designers and volunteer quilters, preparing to construct the quilt at the center of Unbound's production of *Quilters*, the beloved, classic musical by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek.

*"We're gonna put this quilt together block by block. Each block is different, each pattern has a thread of somebody's life runnin' through it."*

*Quilters* celebrates the creative power of pioneer women. They made what they needed out of what they had, bringing friends and family together to create something beautiful. What I realized, that Saturday, is that our production, like a quilt, needs a whole community to make it happen.

*Quilters* is the first full-length musical we have ever produced. Because musicals have such wide appeal, it's an important opportunity for us to grow our audience. This is a special moment in our history, and we need to do it right. We need to do it best. We need our most special and loyal friends to help us put it together, block by block. Please join the *Quilters* community by considering a special tax-deductible gift to bring this production to the stage.

Thank you for being in our audience. Thank you for sharing your passion. Thank you for all you do to help us continue our mission to unleash the talent of female theatre artists.

See you at the theatre!

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stacey Poirier', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Stacey Poirier  
Artistic Director