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## Milwaukee Repertory Theater Raises Record-Breaking **\$700,000** At 2018 Curtain Call Ball

Funds Used to Complete the Renovation of The Stackner Cabaret

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 [Milwaukee] – [Milwaukee Repertory Theater's](#) Artistic Director **Mark Clements** and Managing Director **Chad Bauman** are pleased to announce that The Rep's sold out **Curtain Call Ball** on May, 12, 2018 raised a record breaking **\$700,000**. Co-chaired by **Laura and Adam Peck** and **Mara and Craig Swan**, the Curtain Call Ball is The Rep's single largest fundraiser and this year's numbers including over \$325,000 raised during the paddle appeal to complete the Stackner Cabaret renovation set an all-time Rep record.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the \$1.75million **Stackner Cabaret** renovation project took place Wednesday, May 30 with several donors in attendance including; Bob Balderson, Cheri and Tom Briscoe, Nancy and Steve Einhorn, Rob Gardenier, Beth and Pete Gottsacker, John Hunzinger, Phoebe Lewis, Lori Morse, Gayle Rosemann, Board President Ed Seaberg, Patrick Smith and Neal and Cathy Wegner. The renovation would not be possible without the lead gift of \$750,000 from **Jan and Vince Martin** and \$250,000 from the **Stackner Cabaret Foundation**.

Since its opening in 1987, the **Stackner Cabaret** has been one of Milwaukee's most in-demand performance venues playing to near capacity crowds for an average of 300 performances a year. The renovation will increase the number of seats by over 35%, address aging infrastructure issues, provide a completely new kitchen, and better maximize space and opportunity both within the theater as well as in the outer lobby. The result of the changes are expected to increase the Stackner's brand as a destination venue. Given the unique nature of architectural designs completed by Uihlein/Wilson –Ramlow/Stein Architects, audience members and longtime Subscribers will be able to keep their exact same seats all while experiencing a new world-class venue beginning this fall at the opening of The Reps 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season.

Stay up to date with the Stackner Renovation progress by visiting [www.MilwaukeeRep.com](http://www.MilwaukeeRep.com) or by following The Rep on [Facebook](#) and Instagram @Milwrep.

[Download Photos of the Curtain Call Ball and Stackner Cabaret Demolition Here.](#)

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### **About Milwaukee Repertory Theater**

Milwaukee Rep is the largest performing arts organization in Wisconsin in terms of audiences served and one of the largest professional theaters in the country. Each year, The Rep welcomes up to 275,000 people at nearly 700 performances of 15 productions ranging from compelling dramas, powerful classics, new plays and full-scale musicals in its three unique performance venues – the Quadracci Powerhouse, Stiemke Studio and Stackner Cabaret. Heading into its 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season, The Rep has gained a national reputation as an incubator of new work, an agent of community change and a forward-thinking provider of vital arts education programs. Under the leadership of **Artistic Director Mark Clements** and **Managing Director Chad Bauman**, Milwaukee Repertory Theater ignites positive change in the cultural, social, and economic vitality of its community by creating world-class theater experiences that entertain, provoke, and inspire meaningful dialogue among an audience representative of Milwaukee's rich diversity.