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Donald & Donna Baumgartner and The Elizabeth Quadracci Harned Family Team Up for a *Double-Down For Artists Challenge* at MILWAUKEE REPERTORY THEATER

May 6, 2020 [Milwaukee, WI] - [Milwaukee Rep](#) is thrilled to announce the **Donald & Donna Baumgartner and Elizabeth Quadracci Harned Family Double-Down for Artists Challenge**. Both families are teaming up to match dollar for dollar every new or increased gift up to \$50,000 providing support to Milwaukee Repertory Theater's terrific and talented artists that have been severely impacted by COVID-19. The funds raised will be used to produce digital and online artistic content through the [Milwaukee Rep: From Our Home to Your Home](#) portal, which employs artists to create direct to home programming, including high-definition recorded performances, free seminars and workshops by Rep artisans, educational kits for children, Wellness Wednesdays focusing on health, and commissioned world-premiere monologues.

"Milwaukee Rep has been hit hard by the global COVID-19 pandemic, causing the cancellation of more than 120 performances for a total loss of \$1.5 million so far," said **Executive Director Chad Bauman**. "This matching gift from Donald and Donna Baumgartner and the Elizabeth Quadracci Harned Family will allow us to employ artists and reach our audiences safely through online content while we wait for the time to gather together again in the shared experience of live theater. We are so grateful for their extraordinary generosity."

"We feel strongly about supporting our artists and arts institutions who have given much to this community through their performances and arts education," said **Donna & Donald Baumgartner**. "Milwaukee Rep's aim to entertain, enrich and comfort us makes us better people. We are particularly happy to join forces with the Elizabeth Quadracci Harned family which has a deep tradition of supporting all the arts in Milwaukee."

"When I think of giving I try and think what my parents would do since they started The Windhover Foundation," stated **Elizabeth Quadracci Harned**. "Milwaukee Rep has been near and dear to my parents' hearts and ours. So I wanted to make sure the people who make Milwaukee Rep so successful were being taken care of. As my father always said 'We can do more together than individuals apart,' and Milwaukee is America's best kept secret so we need to keep the culture strong."

Milwaukee Rep's [Our Home To Your Home](#) online content includes:

- A high definition multi-camera live-recorded session of cancelled production [Destiny of Desire](#) is available to stream now through May 19, 2020. A recording of *Eclipsed* was also available in March and April.
- [Featured Artists Songs](#) with some of Milwaukee Rep's most beloved artists including Nova Y Payton from *Dreamgirls*, Jeffrey Kringer from *West Side Story*, Gavin Gregory from *Ragtime*, Matt Rodin from *Hedwig*, the cast of *In the Heights* and more bring Broadway caliber performances into the comfort of your own home.

- [Playwright Essays](#) are 3-5 minute monologues centered on the themes of connectivity, hope and the need for community featuring the works of favorite playwrights Dael Orlandersmith (*Until the Flood*), Rick Cleveland (*Five Presidents*), BreakBeat Poet Idris Goodwin, Marie Kohler (*Boswell*), Catherine Trieschmann (*One House Over*), Joanna Murray Smith (*American Song*), Lloyd Suh (*The Chinese Lady*) A. Rey Pamatmat (*after all the terrible things I do*) and more.
- [“What’s the Tea?”](#) is an entertaining chat between Artistic Director Mark Clements and different featured artists. Past guests include playwrights Ayad Akhtar and Andrew Bovell, *Chicago Tribune* critic Chris Jones, Broadway actor Rob McClure and more.
- [Activity Books](#) that feature crossword puzzles, costume sketches and scenic drawings from Milwaukee Rep productions.
- [Wellness Videos](#) feature resources to help nurture the mind and soul as part of #WellnessWednesdays
- [Online Workshops](#) that express your creativity and nurture your mind and soul. Classes are taught by Artistic, Community Engagement and Education staff members. Online classes will be free to the public but with an RSVP required in order to provide the link for the class.
- [Community Spotlight](#) features a community partner every Sunday evening in a facilitated conversation.

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About Milwaukee Repertory Theater

Milwaukee Rep is the largest performing arts organization in Wisconsin welcoming nearly 300,000 people at 700 performances of 15 productions a season in the Patty & Jay Baker Theater Complex featuring three unique performance venues– the Quadracci Powerhouse, Stiemke Studio and Stackner Cabaret. For over six decades, Milwaukee Rep has been a centerpiece of Milwaukee’s vibrant arts and cultural scene with productions ranging from Broadway musicals to Shakespeare to American Classics and New Works that are entertaining, inclusive and impactful. Under the leadership of **Artistic Director Mark Clements** and **Executive 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.

As a nonprofit arts organization, **Milwaukee Rep** relies heavily on the support of Donors, Subscribers and Single Ticket buyers. The individual support is crucial to the organization’s existence as **Milwaukee Rep** and other arts organizations are realizing significant losses due to the impact of COVID-19. If you are looking for a meaningful way to help, please renew or purchase a [Subscription](#) for Milwaukee Rep’s 2020/21 Season and/or [donate](#) today.