



on **StageOne** | at **The Klein**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Fairfield Theatre Company Awarded Grant from Fairfield County Community Foundation; First Grant of its Kind for FTC, Landmark in Organization's Growth**

**FAIRFIELD, CT, July 14, 2010 -- Fairfield Theatre Company Announced Today That It Has Received A \$35,000 Grant For Operations From The Fairfield County Community Foundation.** "We could not be more excited or grateful to receive such a generous grant from the Fairfield County Community Foundation, said Miles Marek, FTC producing director. Receiving support and recognition from an organization like the FCCF that does so much good for the region is a validation of the work we do."

Fairfield Theatre Company received a \$35,000 competitive grant from the [Fairfield County Community Foundation](#) in support of its overall operations during the next fiscal year. This grant will allow FTC to implement new core operating efficiency plans designed to improve patron service, produce more programming and serve more people.

Since the opening of FTC's StageOne in downtown Fairfield in 2004, FTC has served one hundred and fifty-thousand patrons, and is currently selling an average of 40,000 tickets per year. This number does not include the dozens of events held at FTC each year for charities including Giant Steps Connecticut, Harbor Light Foundation, The Lighthouse, Pilot House, The Center for Women and Families in Bridgeport, Operation Hope, and The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinsons, among many others. Additionally FTC serves hundreds of children each summer at its Cabaret Workshops. Other programming includes a play-reading series *Play With Your Food*, a free monthly film series, *Martini and A movie*, a storytelling series for amateur storytellers and a weekly farmers market for Connecticut's local farms.

In 2007 FTC took on the management of The Klein Memorial Auditorium in Bridgeport, a lovingly restored 1400-seat art deco theatre in downtown Bridgeport. The addition of the Klein enabled FTC to bring national acts including George Carlin, Pat Benatar, Peter Frampton and BB King to Southern Connecticut, as well as bringing life back to a classic performance venue that had been underutilized.

"It means a great deal to Fairfield Theatre Company to get support from one of the most established and thoughtful foundations in Southern CT. With the help of organizations like Fairfield County Community Foundation, FTC is making a difference not just in the local community, but increasingly in greater Southern CT," said FTC Board President Brad Purcell.

The Fairfield County Community Foundation promotes the growth of community and regional philanthropy to improve the quality of life throughout Fairfield County. Individuals, families, corporations and organizations can establish charitable funds and contribute to existing funds.

The foundation also provides philanthropic advisory services, and develops and leads initiatives to tackle critical community issues. It is in compliance with the Council on Foundations' national standards for community foundations. The foundation has

awarded more than \$10 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond.

For more information, visit [www.fccfoundation.org](http://www.fccfoundation.org).

Fairfield Theatre Company is able to present hundreds of events a year, bringing together people from all over the region to enjoy the best in live performance thanks to the generosity of the Fairfield County community and now thanks to the FCCF. For more information visit to [www.fairfieldtheatre.org](http://www.fairfieldtheatre.org), or call the FTC box office seven days a week from noon to five, 203-259-1036.

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