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Dear Friends,

Can you believe it? This year Aspen Community Theatre will celebrate its **35th** year in the Roaring Fork Valley! And most of the credit goes to you, our loyal and supportive patrons. The goal has never changed - *serve* and *educate* the local community by providing first-class, professional-caliber productions that challenge and entertain. Last year's *1776* was an overwhelming success! We are equally excited about this year's choice of *Evita*, the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice blockbuster musical that will be directed this fall by the talented Marisa Post.

Evita is the story of Eva Peron, the First Lady of Argentina – her rise to fame and her uncommon connection with the Argentinian people. It provides a close look at the politics of that country in the 1940s and 1950s, but it is much more. It is a universal study of passion, ambition, political vision, social upheaval and human emotion. We hope you will share our excitement in the coming weeks and months and we know you will be thrilled with the result!

ACT continues to sponsor a college scholarship program for area teens and an ongoing series of free, theatre-related workshops. This year's scholarship recipients are Erin Daniel, Obadiah Jones, Kayla Menendez, Amy Schuster and Nelly Weiser. Congratulations to these deserving honorees. The free workshops vary in nature – dance, voice, costuming, stage direction, etc. – and normally occur in the weeks preceding our fall auditions. We are very fortunate in this valley to have an extensive pool of talented teachers willing to share their craft, and we encourage people of all ages and abilities to take advantage of these terrific opportunities.

As Aspen Community Theatre moves into its 36th year, we promise to remain a vibrant organization and an integral part of our community. We have proudly developed a website (www.aspencommunitytheatre.com) and hope you will take the time to visit us there. The site contains insightful information about upcoming productions and workshops and suggests ways to volunteer. Most importantly, it also features a more convenient way to donate to the organization via credit card, which we hope will make your gift-giving easier!

Evita will open on November 3rd for eight performances in the Aspen District Theatre. We're excited to get started and can't wait to bring you another wonderful theatre experience. But we at ACT also realize that nothing would be possible without the help of our faithful supporters. We hope you will find a way to contribute to another exciting and successful year.

Most sincerely,

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