



LIGHT THE WAY CAMPAIGN

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“Light the Way” is a campaign that will transform Oil Lamp Theater—growing our audience, expanding our programs, strengthening our foundation, and securing a lasting home in Downtown Glenview while staying true to our intimate, community-centered spirit.

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Our New Home

We are building a new home for Oil Lamp Theater across the street in Downtown Glenview—a larger, more accessible venue expanding seating from **60 to 143 guests** with better sightlines, comfort, and technical capacity. This next stage preserves Oil Lamp Theater’s hallmark intimacy and warmth while launching our productions to new heights with bigger stories and bolder possibilities.



Why It Matters

Live theater gathers us in one room to laugh, feel, and talk with one another. It sparks imagination and empathy, invites fresh perspective, and creates a welcoming place to reconnect – show after show.

What Light the Way Makes Possible

- Elevated productions and special events
- Arts Education for all ages (classes, camps, & youth/family productions)
- A civic gathering place that energizes downtown and supports local businesses

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“Glenview Chamber of Commerce proudly supports the growth of Oil Lamp Theater to expand their footprint within Glenview and the North Shore community... Oil Lamp not only enriches the lives of our residents but also drives meaningful economic activity — drawing visitors, supporting nearby restaurants and retailers, and contributing to the overall energy of Glenview.”

- Glenview Chamber of Commerce



THEATER

THE LOBBY

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LUCARELLI
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LOBBY

THE THEATRE



HISTORY, MISSION, & VISION

ABOUT OIL LAMP THEATER

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ABOUT US

With more than 70 productions to date, Oil Lamp is known for its dynamic Mainstage season, special events, and its rapidly growing arts education programs. Today, the theatre continues its nonprofit mission to foster connection, broaden horizons, and shine a light on the human condition through professional theater and year-round programming.



HISTORY

Born in a Chicago apartment in 2005. Rooted in Glenview since 2012. Today, 10,000 people from 225 different communities are drawn to more than 200 performances each year. Through our award-winning productions, Oil Lamp Theater employs over 100 artists annually and energizes economic growth for local businesses.

You've seen the difference we make, and we're just getting started. We're going from great to magnificent—expanding our impact and helping power the revitalization of Downtown Glenview.



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ARTS EDUCATION

Launching fully in March 2025, Oil Lamp Theater's Arts Education programs have already reached more than **300 students** through on-site and off-site classes and camps, serving students **ages 3 to 97**. This growing initiative is key to cultivating future audiences and sustaining the artistic vitality of our entire organization.



THE SPARK CENTER

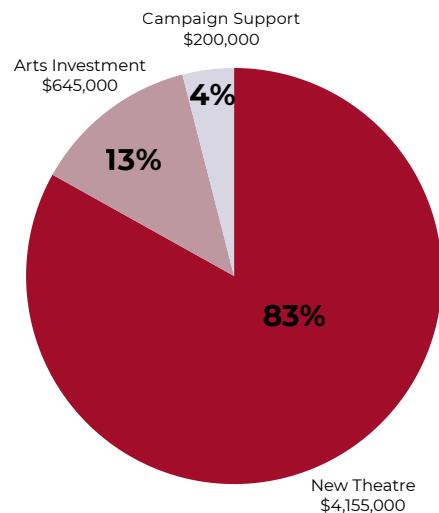
In March 2025, we opened our new headquarters with offices, parking, and two studios awaiting completion for education and rehearsals.

CAMPAIGN BUDGET

This campaign represents a **bold transformation**—one that will elevate every corner of Oil Lamp Theater.

We are building a new home and expanding what's possible for our artists, audiences, and community.

Every gift fuels the future of our entire organization.



	Budget Items	Amount
NEW THEATRE	Core Construction The essential building structure from the roof to floor	\$2,650,000
	Specialized Theatre Systems Professional lighting, sound, and stage rigging	\$560,000
	Furniture & Fixtures Common area furniture, fixtures, and decor	\$135,000
	Architect & Design Fees Architectural, engineering, and consultant services	\$220,000
	Permits Required government permitting, inspection, and legal fees	\$50,000
	Carrying Costs & Occupancy Facility costs during construction and launch	\$400,000
	Contingency/Reserves Funds set aside for unforeseen expenses in construction or the campaign at large	\$140,000
	New Theatre Subtotal	\$4,155,000
ARTS INVESTMENT	Arts Education Education Director's salary and Spark Center start-up costs—including two studio build-outs, facility lease, and early program expenses—to establish a self-sustaining education branch within three years.	\$280,000
	Personnel & Capacity Director of Development, marketing team, and administrative support—covering compensation and services, decreasing annually until fully self-supported within three years.	\$365,000
	Arts Investment Subtotal	\$645,000
CAMPAIGN SUPPORT	Marketing & Materials Campaign marketing, public relations, and communications	\$65,000
	Professional Fees Professional services for campaign execution & accounting	\$135,000
	Campaign Support Subtotal	\$200,000
LIGHT THE WAY CAMPAIGN TOTAL		\$5,000,000

NAMING RIGHTS & RECOGNITION

CREATE YOUR LEGACY

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Every gift makes a difference. Whether you'd like your name proudly displayed on our donor wall, or are interested in a special naming opportunity, there's a way to make your mark.

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DONOR WALL TIERS:

- **Founder's Legacy:** \$500,000+
- **Guiding Star:** \$250,000+
- **Eternal Light:** \$100,000+
- **Brilliant Glow:** \$50,000+
- **Steady Flame:** \$25,000+
- **Spark:** \$10,000

Digital Honor Roll: \$1,000

Pledges of \$10,000 may be spread over a period of up to three years.

"The board couldn't be more excited about what's ahead for Oil Lamp Theater. Guided by our community's feedback, we're growing in a way that keeps the arts open, welcoming, and alive for everyone. This effort strengthens the foundation of a place that means so much to so many—and ensures its light shines even brighter in the years ahead."

- Mary Frese
2025 Board Co-Chair

LOCATION	AMOUNT
Marquee/Sign	\$1,000,000
Announce shows and welcome every passerby	
Stage/Theater	\$500,000
Host performances that bring stories to life	
Lobby	\$250,000
Gather audiences and spark shared excitement	
Bar	\$100,000
Refresh guests and encourage lively connections	
Greenroom	\$50,000
Rest and recharge artists before the spotlight	
Backstage	\$50,000
Support the unseen work of production	
Dressing Room	\$40,000
Prepare artists for transformation and performance	
Box Office	\$25,000
Connect patrons to every show experience	
Tech Booth	\$25,000
Control lights, sound, and theatrical magic	
Stage Door	\$25,000
Begin every performer's journey to the stage	
Theater Chairs	\$2,500
Comfortable, fixed seats for every audience member	

For all naming opportunities, email:
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to check availability.

MAKE A GIFT





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Your gift directly supports Oil Lamp Theater's bold transformation.

Gifts can be made immediately using a variety of methods:

- **Credit Card, ACH, and Donor-Advised Fund Gifts:** Available securely on our website.
- **Check: Mail your check to:**
 - Oil Lamp Theater | 1723 Glenview Road | Glenview, IL 60025
- **Stock Gifts:** For instructions on transferring stock, please contact us directly.

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