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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.**

## CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

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## Our New Home

We are building a new home for Oil Lamp Theater 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

## CONTACT US

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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**



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BOX OFFICE  
PETER ARGONDIZZO  
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THE 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.



## 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.

## 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## THE SPARK CENTER

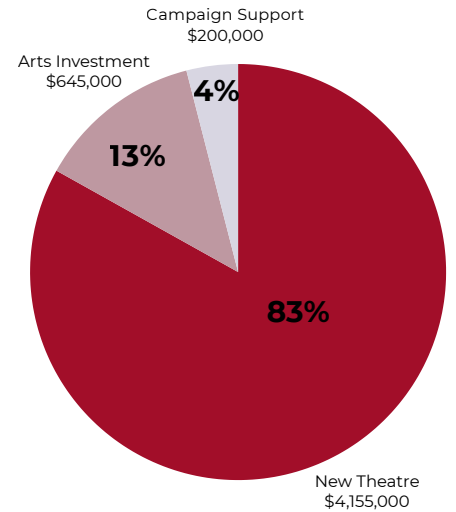
In March 2025, we opened our new headquarters with offices, parking, and two studios awaiting completion for education and rehearsals.

# 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.*



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

# 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.

## 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

## NAMING RIGHTS

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

For all naming opportunities, email:  
[light-the-way@oillamptheater.org](mailto:light-the-way@oillamptheater.org)  
to check availability.

MAKE A GIFT





# MAKE A GIFT

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.

## CONTACT US



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