



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION HONORING THE THEATRICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF JONATHAN FOX

*WHEREAS, for nearly two decades, Jonathan Fox dedicated his unwavering commitment and immense artistic vision to the Santa Barbara Ensemble Theatre Company, enriching the cultural fabric of our community; and*

*WHEREAS, Jonathan served as a director and ultimately ascended to the esteemed position of Executive Artistic Director, steering the Ensemble Theatre Company through a period of tremendous growth and transformation; and*

*WHEREAS, in the year 2018, Jonathan Fox was honored with the coveted Santa Barbara Indy Award for his exceptional talents in Direction; and*

*WHEREAS, during his tenure, Jonathan Fox displayed extraordinary leadership and vision by overseeing the \$12.6 million renovation of the Victoria Hall Theatre, resulting in the grand unveiling of the splendid New Vic, a 300-seat sanctuary for the arts, in the year 2013; and*

*WHEREAS, his tireless efforts extended to spearheading a remarkable \$16.5 million capital and endowment campaign, cementing Santa Barbara's place on the theatrical map and securing the future of the Ensemble Theatre Company; and*

*WHEREAS, Jonathan Fox's extensive network within the American theater community and international ties brought forth a procession of distinguished performers, gracing the Ensemble Theatre Company's stage with their extraordinary talents; and*

*WHEREAS, Jonathan Fox's creative direction led to over two dozen acclaimed productions that left an indelible mark on the hearts of theatergoers, with his works captivating audiences not only in Santa Barbara but also in New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Cologne, Frankfurt, Vienna, and Kotor; and*

*WHEREAS, in addition to his remarkable accomplishments, Jonathan Fox generously shared his knowledge and passion for theatre as an adjunct faculty member at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Monmouth University in New Jersey, University of Utah, and Columbia University, influencing the next generation of theatrical talent;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors expresses its profound gratitude and admiration for the unparalleled contributions of Jonathan Fox to the world of theater, celebrates his legacy and dedication to the arts, and honors his remarkable achievements as a director, visionary, and educator.*

*PASSED AND ADOPTED by this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 by a unanimous vote of all members present.*



ATTEST:

*Thommas Reyesato*  
Clerk of the Board

*Pat Wilton*

Supervisor - 1st District

*Liz Com*

Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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