



FREEPORT PLAYERS' GUILD

The End of An Era?
REGENCY THEATRE RESTORATION

The Regency Theatre established in 1971, the only purpose built theatre in the Bahamas is in ruins from hurricane Dorian. Although the building remains intact, from the foyer straight through to the workshop and our green room, which is rented out as a dance studio, will never be used again if we are not helped.

The water broke through the front door at an amazing rush. I believe we suffered a mini tsunami. After decimating the foyers furniture and fixtures it continued through to the auditorium reaching six feet. The force of the water then smashed against the stage literally shaking it on its foundations raising the wood. It also destroyed our Baby grand piano, our upright pianos, Yamaha Clavinova, (digital piano) and our drum sets. Also near the stage was the rack for our Sound system, which is now useless. The electrical panels are also in need of replacement bad the water by this time water nearly 6 feet.

Dorian pushed through to the dressing room, carrying with it the two make up chairs. I found half of one in the men's bathroom and the other is in the workshop. The water flooded the office, destroying records and scripts, on to the kitchen (which will have to be gutted) tumbling over the refrigerator and water cooler and wetting everything in the cupboard. All of our tech equipment in the tech Room gone. But wait, there is more. Our office, accessories room, totally saturated, the wardrobe, our prop room decimated. After 50 years, it is so heart wrenching.

We have had Sir Jack Hayward, OBE, our biggest benefactor, as he was instrumental in founding the Freeport Players' Guild the dramatic body that's responsible for managing the Theatre. We have had as our members, the Fox sisters, of Fox Network fame. We had the His Royal Highness Charles, Prince of Wales pay a visit in 1973. Also Betty Davis's daughter Bede Hyman was a member,

Our subsidiary group, Freeport Friends of the Arts, brought in such dance and musical greats like Alvin Ailey Dance Troupe, the Dance Theatre of Harlem, Dave Brubeck Quartet, the great Dizzy Gillespie, Eartha Kitt, Jeffery Osborn, Harry Belafonte, the English Chamber Orchestra and many more too numerous to mention. All this history.

The Regency Theatre needs your support, if not we are closed forever, and the dramatic fire will never be ignited in some young hopeful.

I had a youth group and I got so much joy out of watching the spark come to life in a young thespian. My heart is breaking. I can't bear it.

PLEASE HELP US. Below are my contact details

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Damages List

Required	Item	Approximate cost
	Foyer and Bar	
	Bar Restocking	2,000.00
	high chairs pub tables	
10	barstools	
6-8	tables	
20	Pub chairs	
1	Hurricane resistant double glass doors	
	New wrought iron railing	
	Cushions for benches or news couches and chairs	
2	Drinks coolers that locks	
2	Banquet Tables	
1	Stove	
1	refrigerator	
1	Water Heater	28,000.00
	Auditorium	
330	Auditorium recliners chairs	30,000.00
75	Auditorium side chairs	5,000.00
	New stage	35,000.00
	New curtains and travellers	25,000.00
	Complete sound equipment	60,000.00
	Carpeting	5,000.00
3	Emergency / Panic Doors	15,000.00
2	Scrim curtains	10,000.00
		185,000.00
	Musical Equipment	
1	Baby Grand Piano	

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1	Up right	2,500.00
1	Digital Clavinova piano	10,000.00
1	Drum Set	800.00
2	Stage strip lights	800.00
		14,100.00
	DOORS	
1	Office	
1	Tech Room	
2	Dressing Room	
2	Hall way	
	kitchen	
2	Bathroom	
1	Accessory Room	
	Wardrobe	
	Prop Room	
1	Roll up door water tight	2,000.00
	BarDoor	
2	Auditorium double doors	
1	Exterior double door	
	Heavy Stage Door	
4	Foyer bathroom swing doors	9,000.000
		11,000.00
	KITCHEN	
	Refrigerator	
	Stove	
	Water cooler	
	Cabinets	6,750.00
	Complete overhaul of alarm system	3,000.00

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WORKSHOP EQUIPMENT		
1	Generators	1,500.00
1	10 inch Miter saw compound	
1	Cougar aerial lift by biljax	
3	dehumidifiers	
1	RadialTable saw	
1	Tree light	
	Vacuum cleaner	
2	Shop vacs	7,500.00
		9,000.00
2	Tool cabinets	
2	Office chairs	
2	Make up chairs	
	All our make up	2,000.00
	Cleaning Costumes and replacements	8,000.00
	Labour	65,000.00
	Sheetrock	2,500.00
	Paint- interior and exterior	3,500.00
	Re-wiring electrical	24,000.00
	Plumbing	2,000.00
	Roof and ceiling repairs	3,000.00
		100,000.00
		400,350.00

REGENCY THEATRE RESTORATION: A conservative guesstimate based on purchases over the last ten years. Not included are shipping and handling and VAT and other government taxes.

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