Hi all,

I hope this note finds you well and in good health as we transition into the fall season. Many of us find ourselves and/or our colleagues beginning a new school year or a new theatre season. Wherever you are, we hope that you feel safe and prepared in your situation.

It was a busy but edifying summer for LMDA, as we continue to feel the positive impact of our virtual and Mexico City conferences in June, as well as the continued efforts of our Dramaturging the Phoenix sessions and other affinity groups and task forces. Our many collaborations and conversations over these past months have motivated and prepared us to continue our mission to serve and support our membership, and we anticipate more events and dialogue throughout this fall. We hope you can join us when possible. LMDA excels because of its volunteers, including you.

As we look ahead and prepare for our upcoming fall events and next summer’s conference in Philadelphia, we want to take a moment to thank you for your support of LMDA, especially throughout this pandemic that has been challenging for all of us. Whether it has been personal time and resources, a financial donation, or words of affirmation, support,
I also want to thank our Executive Committee and Board members and other volunteers for sharing their time, talents, and input to help support LMDA’s members in their dramaturgical pursuits and careers.

Please let us know how LMDA can help you. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us on the Executive Committee if you have any questions, comments, or input. Thanks for your time, and take care.

Bryan Moore
President, LMDA

Radiating Change: Building the Future of LMDA // Fall Fundraiser

Dramaturgs and Literary Managers tend to be imaginative creatures. We imagine a play on stage as we read it on the page, we imagine the effects of a rewrite as we talk with writers, we imagine potential audiences as we watch rehearsals. Lately, LMDA’s Board and Executive have been imagining what this organization could be with greater financial support. These past few years have seen LMDA growing in exciting ways, and after several generous donations at the 2021 conference, we are on the precipice of expanding our operating budget. To this end, we would like to invite you to join us in RADIATING CHANGE through the work LMDA does and imagines doing!

The Radiating Change campaign started as a matching donation program, led by an anonymous donor and generously matched by outgoing LMDA Board Chair Brian Quirt, and his partner Nancy Webster. After our call to action at the 2021 conference, and a number of generous individual donations, we were able to match the initial gifts to raise a total of $14,725. With this year’s fall fundraiser, we aim to double this amount, totaling nearly thirty thousand dollars.

And thirty thousand dollars allows us to imagine a whole lot for the future of LMDA:

We imagine a more accessible LMDA. Inspired by the translation efforts led by the LMDA Mexico team, LMDA strives for similar translation availability at future conferences as well
entry for new LMDA'rs, has significant potential for increased accessibility as well.

We imagine a more innovative LMDA. Programs like Dramaturging the Phoenix and the International Dramaturgy Lab have offered impactful opportunities for LMDA members and dramaturgs around the world. Increased financial support for these programs and others will expand their reach and deepen their thinking.

We imagine a more equitable LMDA. As a volunteer-led organization, we are incredibly grateful for the work of our Board and Executive Committee, who have dedicated countless hours to our membership! This work has recently included expanding the employment tools and fundraising to disburse microgrants in a time of need. With the resources needed to engage field experts, compensate consultants, and financially bolster the efforts of our sole staff member, LMDA will take a large step towards equity within its operations.

This fall, our fundraiser focuses on capacity building. Money raised will go directly to continuing LMDA's efforts toward accessibility, innovation, and equity through its programs and community. There is plenty that the LMDA leadership imagines that we might be able to do in the future, but there is only so much that we can do with our current resources. Donate now to the Radiating Change campaign, and help us continue our work across this organization, this industry, and beyond.

#LMDA2022 Update
From Conference Chair Jacqueline Goldfinger

We are thrilled to release the initial info packet for the 2022 Conference! The packet is currently in English, and the Spanish version will be available soon.

You can read an overview and download the packet from our site.

Or simply download the packet here.

We will hold online Q&A sessions in October (links, dates, and more are in the packet).

Check out our online swag store.

And strut your LMDA pride by adding one of these fun logos or badges to your email signature, website, or elsewhere online.

We cannot wait to share in-person space with you again!

Save the Dates:

Sunday, October 17 @
1pmET/6pmBT/12pmCT/10amPT/11am MT
These are a one-hour Q&A Session about the 2022 LMDA Conference, and learn how you can get involved!
Watch our one-minute Save the Date video.

**Region Facebook Groups**

- Canada
- Mountain West (Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado)
- Greater Midwest (IL, IN, IA, western KY, MI, MN, OH, WI)
- Metro Bay Area
- Metro Chicago
- Metro NYC
- Metro Boston
- Central Appalachia (WV, VA, eastern KY, northern TN, and western NC)
- Florida
- Metro Philadelphia
- Mexico
- Mid-Atlantic (DC/Maryland/DE)
- Northeast (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York State, Rhode Island, Vermont, Pennsylvania)
- Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, Washington)
- Southern California
- Plains (Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)
- Southeast (Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, eastern North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, southern Tennessee, western NC)
- Southwest (Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, California)
- Third Coast (Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas)

If you want to get more involved with dramaturgs in your region, please email regional@lmda.org
Did you know, if you use Amazon, you can donate to LMDA?

On the Amazon App:
1) Open the Amazing Shopping app on your phone
2) Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into ‘Settings’
3) Tap ‘AmazonSmile” and fo
4) Select ‘Get Started’ and click through the instructions
5) Add LMDA as your charity

Thanks for your continued support!

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