



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Kathy
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Schmaltz
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.  
n/a
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
The Purple Rose Theatre Company
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
137 Park Street, Chelsea, MI 48118-1038
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
The Purple Rose Theatre Company located at 137 Park Street, Chelsea, MI 48118-1038
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
HD 46 - Kathy Schmaltz
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.  
The purpose of this spending item is to support the \$3M annual budget at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, located in Chelsea, Michigan. The Purple Rose is a cultural attraction that sells an estimated 40,000 tickets per year and welcomes Michigan residents and tourists to downtown Chelsea (population 5,400 people). The patrons of the theatre create economic stimulus for local retailers and restaurants, generating real income and tax dollars for the State of Michigan.

As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, The Purple Rose Theatre Company is a regionally- and nationally recognized professional theater company celebrated for engaging audiences with new American plays. Their mission is to “create fresh, original productions that gets the audiences talking amongst themselves and feeling something new.”

Purple Rose Theatre selects plays reflective of the diverse range of voices who call the Great Lakes region "home," and they gravitate towards stories that use humor as a window into the human heart.

They produce four onstage productions per year and five online concert script readings during a 12-month season under an Actors' Equity Association Small Professional Theatre - Tier 8 contract.

Regional and emerging artists develop professional experience in areas of playwriting, acting, directing, stage management, and design (costume, set, lighting, and sound).

As of April 2025, they have produced 123 plays, including 74 World Premieres productions, contributing plays that focus on Michigan residents to the American theatre.

9. **Attach documents here if needed:**

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. **The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.**

30000

11. **Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.**

["Private","State","Federal","Local"]

12. **Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:**

Non-profit organization

13. **For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?**

Yes

14. **For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?**

Yes

15. **For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?**

Yes

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

David P. Larsen, Chairman of the Board Charles P. Craves, Co-Vice Chair Maria Leonhauser, Co-Vice Chair David Ligotti, Treasurer Charles Eisendrath, Secretary Peter Brown Philip J. Curtis Aaron P. Dworkin Peter Feeney Martha Fuerstenau Sheila Ford Hamp Steve Hamp Dr. Ying Li George Moses Dr. John J.H. "Joe" Schwarz

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

June 1, 2025-August 31, 2025

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes