[July 22, 2020 - EAU CLAIRE, WIS] Pablo Center is proud to announce that it has passed on its portion of donations from Together Chippewa Valley to its partner local, arts nonprofits. This includes Chippewa Valley Book Festival, Chippewa Valley Jazz Orchestra (CVJO), Chippewa Valley Symphony Orchestra (CVSO), Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild (CVTG), Chippewa Valley Writer’s Guild, Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra (ECCO), Eau Claire Children’s Theatre (ECCT), and Eau Claire Jazz Inc.

Pablo Center was a charter member of Together Chippewa Valley, a collation formed to coordinate a response effort to address ongoing community needs during the COVID-19 crisis. The goal of the collation was to raise funds through a first-of-its-kind community-wide fundraising initiative, collectively support local nonprofits’ missions, and to survive and thrive during this crisis. The Chippewa Valley’s support exceeded expectations and aspirations with a total of $180,567 in donations received from individuals and organizations. Pablo Center and all other participating local nonprofits received a total donation of $9,484 which Pablo Center is now passing on to its partner arts nonprofit organizations. This equates to a donation of $1,185.50 to each organization.

The pandemic has hit the entertainment industry particularly hard with independent venues and arts organizations struggling to survive.

Jason Jon Anderson, Pablo Center’s Executive Director said, “The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every portion of our economy including the creative economy. With 90% of arts organizations facing extinction nationwide Pablo Center is focused on keeping the engines of our creative economy running. We are pleased to have united with the other 20 nonprofit organizations in Together Chippewa Valley and are proud to be passing our entire portion onto the smaller arts organizations who share in calling Pablo Center our regional home for the creative arts.”

Reflecting on the donation, Ann Sessions, Executive Director of the Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild said, “Thank you to all the community members who generously donated to Together Chippewa Valley and to Pablo Center who is graciously donating their portion to help reduce fees for local arts organizations using the facility. During this difficult time, we are extra appreciative of financial help. The arts are about being together and we look forward to the day we can be together safely.”

ABOUT PABLO CENTER AT THE CONFLUENCE
Pablo Center operates in support of a mission that is focused on developing and augmenting endless opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the performing, literary, and visual arts.

Inside our doors, guests can experience two internationally-recognizable performance spaces; the 1,204-seat RCU Theatre and the innovative 400-seat Jamf Theatre. These spaces allow us to showcase the endless possibilities of the
arts in a facility capable of providing transformative experiences and creative opportunities. The Pablo Center experience and mission is enhanced by our support spaces: three rehearsal, dance and community rooms; three visual arts galleries; a sound and lighting lab; university classroom spaces; a state-of-the-art recording studio; and workforce/vocational training spaces. While our building makes Pablo unique, it is our community - patrons, members, business partners, constituent groups and local artists - who make us remarkable.

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