

FRP is back and is supporting the community to help children and families heal

Like almost everyone in our community, Flat Rock Playhouse was hit by Hurricane Helene.

- Fortunately, all of our people are safe, and we had only modest damage to our buildings.
- Nonetheless, we continue to have interruptions to water, power, internet services, box office phones, and a broken sewer that connects to half of the property.
- All of these services are required to put on our shows, house our artists, serve patrons, and safely invite people into the theatre. Immediately after the storm, without a clear timeline for when they will be fixed, we had to cancel the two shows scheduled for October and early November, *The Mountaintop* and *Cats*.
- In addition, many trees and power lines are still down and we're working now to clean this up.
- Our hearts go out to everyone during these difficult weeks of recovery. We know many were hit even harder than we were, and the community is suffering.

We're taking FRP to the schools and community to help children and families heal.

- With the devastation across Western North Carolina, we want to **put our artistic talents to work to support the community**, and especially kids.
- We are **in the schools** with performances, readings and after-school craft classes, all led by our staff and a special company of Apprentices.
- The new **Rock Out concert series** offers FREE family-friendly shows at a variety of venues around Henderson County and the surrounding area. Kids are encouraged to sing and dance along and shake off some of the stress of the past few weeks. [CLICK HERE for schedule.](#)
- Through acting, singing, and dancing, we can help young people express their emotions, build resilience, and find joy amidst adversity. This is the **healing power of theatre**.

Lots is happening at Flat Rock Playhouse right now!

- **Playhouse Jr. classes resumed** on October 14. More than 100 kids are participating.
- The **box office is open** and is helping people with tickets. All patrons will be contacted by the box office regarding tickets for *The Mountaintop* and *Cats*, the shows we had to cancel. We especially appreciate the many people who have donated their tickets from canceled performances.
- We look forward to welcoming everyone **back to the Mainstage** for Nat Zegree in *Mozart to Pop Chart: Volume 3*, November 14-17, and for *A Flat Rock Christmas* starting November 29.

Is Flat Rock Playhouse closed/going out of business?

Lots is happening at Flat Rock Playhouse right now and we're committed to the community for the long-term. Playhouse Jr. classes are back, the box office is open, and we're taking Flat Rock Playhouse to the schools and community through Rock Out. We're still restoring services and cleaning up the property. We look forward to inviting everyone back to the Mainstage with Nat Zegree's *Mozart to Pop Chart: Volume 3*, November 14-17.

What damage did Flat Rock Playhouse experience due to Hurricane Helene?

Fortunately, all of our people are safe, and we sustained only modest damage to the buildings although we're still impacted by a broken sewer pipe serving half of the property. Our grounds were heavily impacted, with lots of downed trees and power lines. We're working on getting this cleaned up now. Internet service, power and water remain intermittent in some of our buildings, and we are working to get these services fully restored.

Why did you have to cancel *Cats*?

We had interruptions to water, power, internet services, box office phones, and a broken sewer that connects to half of the property. All of these services are required to put on our shows, house our artists, serve patrons,

and safely invite people into the theatre. We are working to resolve these issues by mid-November, but it isn't possible to put on shows until they are fully addressed.