Dear Friends,

We hope that the close of 2021 finds you healthy, safe, and looking forward to a bright future.

This year, The Jalopy Theatre and School of Music celebrates 15 years as a community arts space in Red Hook, Brooklyn. In those 15 years, this small venue has never rested. It has been a hub of artistic expression and communal learning from morning to night.

We loved celebrating this anniversary with you on Governor’s Island with a day of wonderful music.

As we contemplate 15 years, floods of memories wash over us...Our first sold out show with the Sweetback Sisters, bringing Feral Foster’s weekly Roots n’ Ruckus show to our stage, the first Brooklyn Folk Festival, the release of the first Jalopy Record by Pat Conte – these early events set our future, creating amazing art and making life-long friends.

When Super-Storm Sandy hit, you asked to come and sing. Through community singing sessions, you came together and supported Red Hook. Over 400 people came to Jalopy to find ways to help their neighbors. Many of you made sandwiches, donated clothes and food, you pumped out basements, you delivered drywall, you delivered medicine to those in the Red Hook Houses.

One of the most frequent comments we have heard over the years is that people love the “vibe” at Jalopy. Jalopy is home built. Everything, including the wooden sink, was built by hand. It was built to welcome you into a community, where artists can be teachers, where students can take the stage, where stories and cultures are shared. The “vibe” was created for you, and what you could bring here when you come.

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Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the 501(c)(3) Jalopy Theatre to help us thrive through the next 15 years! Your support allows us to keep music in your lives through in-person and live streamed concerts, in-person and virtual classes. Your donation allows us to pay artists and teachers, and underwrites concerts and festivals. Your support helps Jalopy Records record the amazing artists in our community and release historical content.

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We invite you to be part of Jalopy during our next 15 years. Begin learning a new instrument, join the Jalopy Chorus, watch a concert on our YouTube Channel, come to a show or join us for one of the 7 festivals we host annually.

Look out for our new concert series with artists from the Brooklyn Roots Network, highlighting music from cultures across the globe. New weekend workshops allow you to explore new instruments and skills with master teachers. Visit Jalopy Records Bandcamp page to hear new records from Nora Brown, Jackson Lynch and a just-released LP of a 1972 Roscoe Holcomb concert.

We understand that many of you are not ready or able to come indoors. To best keep music in your lives, Jalopy will continue providing both virtual and in-person classes, and we will continue to live stream concerts. Visit the Jalopy Theatre Youtube Channel or Facebook page to see hundreds of performances.

Jalopy is not just a venue, or a school, it is a community. Thank you for being a part of it, for making it vibrant and strong, for sustaining it in so many ways, and especially through Covid-19. Your friendship, your talent, your support, means so very much.

Thank you,

Lynette Wiley and the Board of Directors of the Non-Profit Jalopy Theatre

“Recently I had the opportunity to reunite my band, The Honorable Mentshn, for our first concert since March 13th 2020, and we couldn’t be happier to come together for this show at Jalopy. Finally, playing for a living, breathing audience - feeling the warmth of the bodies present, hearing murmur of the audience and feeding off their energy was exactly what we needed! Thank you Jalopy for everything you do, and we can’t wait to return for another one!”

– Michael Winograd, musician