

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Founded in 1963

The theatre was created when the Paducah
Civic Beautification Board approached a group
of local residents to start a theatre to keep the
Market House building from being torn down to
create a parking lot.

FOR 30 YEARS THE THEATRE OPERATED OUT OF ONLY THE MARKET HOUSE BUILDING



Between 1983 to 1993 the theatre doubled the number of people it served in our region. Market House Theatre again looked at historic empty or underused structures for growth. This lead to a community development project in 1996 called the Second Stage Project. With the help of local donors, community financial institutions, and the City of Paducah the \$1.4 Million Second Stage Project moved forward.



After Renovation

IN 1996 THE THEATRE TOOK ON 2 DILAPIDATED AND CONDEMNED BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 120 & 122 SOUTH 2ND ST. AND REPURPOSED AND RESTORED THEM INTO CLASSROOMS/STUDIO THEATRE AND SCENE SHOP



The Theatre also renovated and repurposed the building at 132 South 2nd St. into administrative offices, costume shop, retail spaces, and apartments.

After Renovation

The Second Stage project created the opening to redevelop an entire block of Market House Square. Which today showcases Kirchhoff's Bakery, Max's Restaurant, Shane Lee Boutique, Etc. Coffee and 2 additional 2nd floor apartments adjacent next to the project.

From 1996 to 2016 the Market House Theatre has seen a 600% increase in the number of people it serves in our region. Last year connecting with over 45,000 participants and offering over 54,000 educational student interactions in a 4 state area.

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On a busy week Market House Theatre draws 2,000 visits to downtown Paducah.



In 2007 Market House Theatre again was out of space and looking at once again doing a community development project.









The theatre again turned to empty or underused historic buildings to provide for our expansion needs.



The Next Stage is a \$5 Million project to renovate, restore and repurpose 10 buildings to create a campus for theatre, music, and dance for local residents.

MHT SUCCESS

Market House Theatre is using theatre and the performing arts to address health and social issues in our community by using theatre as a safe place to explore difficult topics.

Our educational programming is developing self confidence, interpersonal skills and communication skills in youth.

When you create a social place for people of all ages to gather together and have fun utilizing physical, social and emotional activities they become healthier and happy and create a vibrant growing community.