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# Lebanon Theatre Company moving to new location

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LEBANON — Lebanon Theatre Company has canceled its February production and will relocate to a new facility this spring.

The company, which has been operating for 14 years, will move its base of operations to the former Goodwill Building at 10 S. Mechanic St., located directly behind City Hall.

Georgia Dunn, managing director of the LTC, said the move came in part because the company was unable to negotiate the terms of a new lease with its former location, the Lebanon Shoe Factory. She is excited by the opportunity to be located in the heart of downtown.

“We’ve been operating since 1996 and still a lot of people weren’t even aware of us,” Dunn said. “This location will put us right in the middle for all the festivals and downtown events.”

Dunn said she was hopeful that the move would allow LTC to expand their offerings to the community as well.

“We hope to add some children’s programs and things like magic shows,” Dunn said. “Theatrical shows that aren’t full productions.”

The Goodwill Building was started as a Kroger store in the 1940s and later became a Goodwill store. Dunn said that right now the building is just an open space and will require some work before May.

“We have quite a bit of work ahead of us, but we are excited about the opportunities that the new location offers,” said Steve Lautenslager, an LTC board member.

Dunn said that the new theater would seat about 100 people, the same size as the former theater. She said ticket prices would not be immediately affected by the change.

“Our goal is to make theater affordable,” Dunn said.

“Although making a move is always difficult, the timing has allowed us to find a space that we can convert into an intimate theater, much like the one our patrons are comfortable with,” said Wayne Dunn, a board member and director for LTC.

To help raise funds for the move as well as clear out old space, the LTC will hold a benefit moving auction at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 with a preview from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5 at the Lebanon Shoe Factory, 120 E. South St. Seating, decorations, costumes, and lights will be among the items being auctioned.

Dunn said the move has caused the company to cancel its planned production of “Crimes of the Heart” in February. Dunn said that season ticket holders would be contacted about the cancellation. LTC’s next planned performance will be “Pippin” in May. For more information, call (513)228-0932 or visit [www.LTCplays.com](http://www.LTCplays.com).

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