Charles Playhouse Closes

By Lisa Dowlath
The Charles Playhouse, long one of Boston's premier theaters, which in cultural establishments to feel for the national economy slump. In late September, Friday, October 23, the Playhouse made the announcement of a temporary closure. In the wake of the economic downturn, some companies, including the Playhouse, have been forced to cancel or delay productions. The Playhouse's decision came after the board of directors voted to temporarily close the theater in order to conserve resources and ensure the company's financial stability.

The annual operating deficit for the current season was projected to be $1.2 million. The Playhouse has been plagued by financial difficulties in recent years, particularly due to the increased costs of production and marketing.

"This decision was made with the interests of our audience, our artists, and our staff in mind," said Playhouse artistic director, John Huisman. "We believe that by temporarily closing, we can regroup and restructure our operations to ensure a healthy future for the Playhouse.

The closure affects all performances scheduled for the remainder of the season. All tickets will be refunded to patrons. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate the understanding and support of our audience during this time.

Additionally, we will be using this opportunity to explore new ideas and projects that will help us to grow and evolve as an institution. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Charles Playhouse soon.

Thank you for your continued support.