



*Entertainment Producer*

*Since 1980*

*Mission Statement ~ to provide an entertainment venue that promotes a wide range of theatrical, music and visual art programs for the South Shore and surrounding communities. JM Productions will be the link to the City of Quincy and its rich cultural history. Our philosophy is having an “open door to the arts” for all who enter our venues. JM Productions also continues to be the leader in the community to bring a state of the art cultural center to Quincy, Massachusetts.*

*JM Productions History ~ In 1980 John F. McDonald, Jr. began a summer troupe producing one show a year. He called this organization ~ The Quincy Community Theatre. Three years earlier Mr. McDonald created JM Productions as an entertainment producer. His company worked with local schools & church organizations to assemble creative teams to produce full-scale musicals for fundraising efforts. JM Productions hired choreographers, lighting designers, directors, music directors & actors to help create “quality entertainment at reasonable prices” for these groups. This became the “mantra” for JM Productions.*

*Previously, proposition 2 ½ had reduced drastically funding for community theatre in Quincy, leaving the city without a*

*theatrical artistic outlet. The city was fortunate to have ~ The Quincy Symphony Orchestra, Choral Society & Art Association. Mr. McDonald felt it was time for Quincy to once again have a venue for local residents to see and participate in community theatre. The small group started with a modest grant from The Quincy Arts Council and money raised at various fundraising efforts. Even after a few successful shows, the company still had to rent various halls and school auditoriums for lack of their own performance space.*

*In 1989 JM Productions & The Quincy Community Theatre approached The Woodward School Foundation in Quincy to collaborate under their non-profit 501c3 status. This collaboration lasted for 10 successful years. The companies collaborated on three major musicals a year. Students at the school participated behind the scenes as well as on the stage. Community members played major roles in the operation of the company as well as on the stage. During the ten years, QCT evolved from a struggling summer group to an established and respected company, producing ten years of "Quality Entertainment at Reasonable Prices" to the delight of thousands on the South Shore.*

*After a brief hiatus the group moved its entire operations to The Common Market Restaurant in Quincy, MA. The idea to elevate the groups' status from community based to semi professional dinner theatre came from patrons who regularly*

*suggested that it would be great to have “One Stop Shopping” when it came to their entertainment and dining needs. The Common Market Restaurant took a chance on the concept and JM Productions had three successful years producing 6 shows a year in the restaurant function facility. The venue only held 75 patrons so after three successful years the company approached Raffael’s Restaurant in North Quincy, MA to rent their 125-seat venue. For seven additional years JM Productions presented monthly musical events. The reviews were tremendous and over 5000 people asked to be entered into JM’s database. When Raffael’s lost their lease and traveled to Hull to take over Siro’s on Nantasket Beach at The Clarion Hotel, JM Productions made the decision to stay in Quincy.*

*After a brief relationship at “The Den” on Sea Street (small cabaret room) the theatrical company continued in earnest its quest to open a stand alone facility not affiliated with any restaurant or other business. Our customers spoke loud and clear so we listened ~ patrons want a weekend nightspot that offers entertainment and light refreshments.*

*JM Productions is looking forward to opening its new location late summer in Quincy Center! Please stay tuned as we continue on our journey to provide South Shore audiences with many more nights of “Quality Entertainment”!*