



## 2020 Accomplishments



Like many performing arts organizations across the country, Quasimondo's operations and programming have been greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite financial setbacks, Quasimondo persisted in fulfilling its mission by finding new ways to engage diverse communities through the arts.

**Postponing in-person theatrical productions for the benefit of public safety, Quasimondo explored new ways to reach audiences:**

- Launched **QuasimondoTV**, an online platform to grow our reach and engage audiences in a safe, virtual environment.
- Shared past work with new patrons through professionally filmed and edited episodes released to the public for the first time on **QuasimondoYO!**.
- Produced four **QuasimondoTHREADS** play readings of original work by like-minded local and international companies including Theatre X, Milwaukee Public Theatre, *Ontroerend Goed*, and Pig Iron Theatre Company.

*"Virtual performances provide an extremely up close, intimate (read: vulnerable) portrayal, rarely available with live stage productions...[Theatre X's] 'An Interest In Strangers' is an all too timely reminder that words written years ago can now be disseminated through a new medium, but can have an unintended, if prophetic, meaning." - Harry Cherkinian, Shepherd Express*

**During the first part of the year, Quasimondo also created work for live audiences:**

- Continued our collaborative relationship with Present Music, participating in their surreal concert event, "The Avant Garden of Love."
- Created an adaptation of "Doctor Faustus" in collaboration with Alverno College Department of Theatre, which was one week away from opening when COVID-19 delayed the production. We are exploring opportunities to present the work in 2021.



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**Quasimondo has continued to share the arts on the North Side through the North Milwaukee Arthaus, the company's future home and a hub for arts and education:**

- Entered Phase I with **Engberg Anderson Architects**, conducting a survey of space usage to generate conceptual design plans, which will be announced in 2021.
- Continued to be a partner in the revitalization efforts of the historic **Villard Avenue Corridor** as an active member of the **Villard Avenue Business Improvement District (BID #19)**, with which Executive Artistic Director Brian Rott serves as treasurer.
- Added a stunning mural to the Arthaus through **Villard BID's "Visual Vibes on Villard,"** which commissioned murals on six buildings. On the Arthaus, local artist Kevin Soens' mural, "**Old North Milwaukee Evolves Together,**" features images of the neighborhood's past and present. The Arthaus hosted the project unveiling, which was attended by the artists, elected officials, and community members.

**And, we continue to nurture key partnerships and grow our organizational capacity to support our work into the future:**

- Received our first **Creation and Presentation Grant** award from **Wisconsin Arts Board** and continued to receive funding from **Milwaukee Arts Board**.
- Officially hired an **Executive Artistic Director**, Quasimondo founder Brian Rott.
- Wrote a statement of solidarity with the **Black Lives Matter** movement and reexamined diversity, equity and inclusion in our organization and programming.
- Valuing our local arts ecosystem, actively engaged with **ImagineMKE** and **Milwaukee Dance Theatre Network**, of which we are a member organization.
- Became a member of **Network of Ensemble Theatres** in order to broaden our connections nationally and support our unique form of theatre.



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**MAKING ORIGINAL PERFORMANCES THAT MOVE BODIES, HEARTS, AND MINDS**



**DOCTOR FAUSTUS**  
W/ ALVERNO COLLEGE (POSTPONED)



**AVANT GARDEN OF LOVE**  
W/ PRESENT MUSIC

