Holly Barkdoll Co-Producing Director Magical Theatre Company BIO

Holly Barkdoll was named Co-Producing Director of Magical Theatre Company in 1992. After studying Theatre and Voice at Kent State University, she spent 1985-87 as Drama Director and Speech Coach at Timken High School in Canton. During those years, her plays won awards for Best Play, Best Ensemble Acting and Best Actor in Stark County.

During those summers, Ms. Barkdoll worked as a professional actress in New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, acting in Dinner Theatre, Summer Stock and Renaissance Faires. In 1987, she worked for Theatreworks/USA, touring in *We The People*. This musical played Off-Broadway at the Promenade Theatre and the Town Hall Theatre, as well as at the Capitol for President Reagan. It then toured from Maine to Florida, performing 141 shows in three months.

Ms. Barkdoll spent 1986-1991 employed as a director and actress in New York, Washington D.C., Connecticut, Ohio, Florida and across the Midwest. Some of those theatres include: Nebraska Theatre Caravan, Porthouse Theatre, Petrucci's Main Street Theatre, Starlight Productions, Salisbury Dinner Theatre, Naples Dinner Theatre, Weathervane Summer Theatre in Newark, and the Fort Salem Theatre. She also was an ensemble member of Kaiser Permanente's Educational Theatre Troupe in Cleveland, touring schools and community centers.

In addition to her experience on-stage and in production, Ms. Barkdoll has worked Box Office, Front of House, and Marketing & Promotions for Petrucci's Main Street Theatre, Naples Dinner Theatre and Fort Salem Theatre in New York.

In 1998 Ms. Barkdoll was nominated for a Governor's Award for the Arts in Ohio for her work at Magical Theatre Company, and in 1997 she founded the Downtown Barberton Christmas Walk which now draws 25,000 people each year.

Professional affiliations include: Actors' Equity Association, SAG-AFTRA, and Grow Barberton, Inc.