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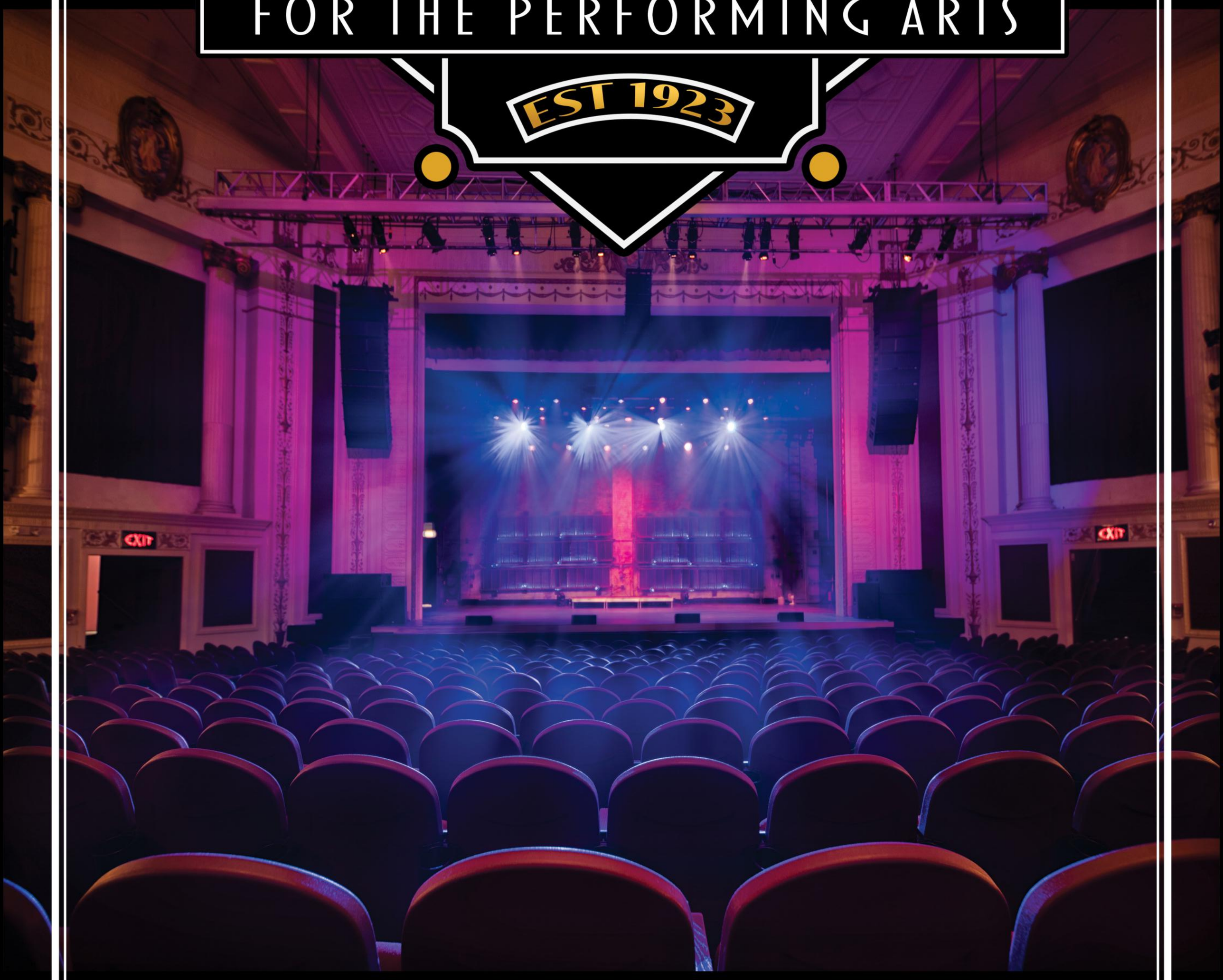

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** **MICHELE RIZZO-BERG**

Welcome to the Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts! As the Executive Director of this esteemed venue, I am truly honored to curate the performances that grace our stage. Each event we present is a celebration of the rich heritage we have cultivated over the past century.

For over one hundred years, this theater has been the heart of a community that values and nurtures the arts. As we look forward to another year, our aim is to continue offering a diverse range of exceptional entertainment, from live theater and rock concerts to comedy shows and performances by talented singer-songwriters.

Over the years, our stage has welcomed Grammy-winning artists, Rock and Roll Hall of Famers, and gifted performers from television and film, establishing our reputation as a premier entertainment venue on Long Island.

While live music remains a cornerstone of our programming, our theater is a versatile space that hosts an acting program for young adults, meetings, art exhibitions, graduations, recitals, and much more. We welcome over 50,000 guests each year, maintaining our commitment to provide high-quality arts programming that entertains, educates, and inspires.

By supporting our theater, you are not only engaging with the arts but also helping to enhance the economic vitality of our community. The Patchogue Theatre has been instrumental in the growth of our downtown area, drawing audiences from near and far.

This achievement would not be possible without the steadfast support of Mayor Paul Pontieri, the Patchogue Theatre Board, Village Trustees, our vibrant Chamber of Commerce, volunteers, and, most importantly, our dedicated guests, donors, advertisers, sponsors, and VIP members.

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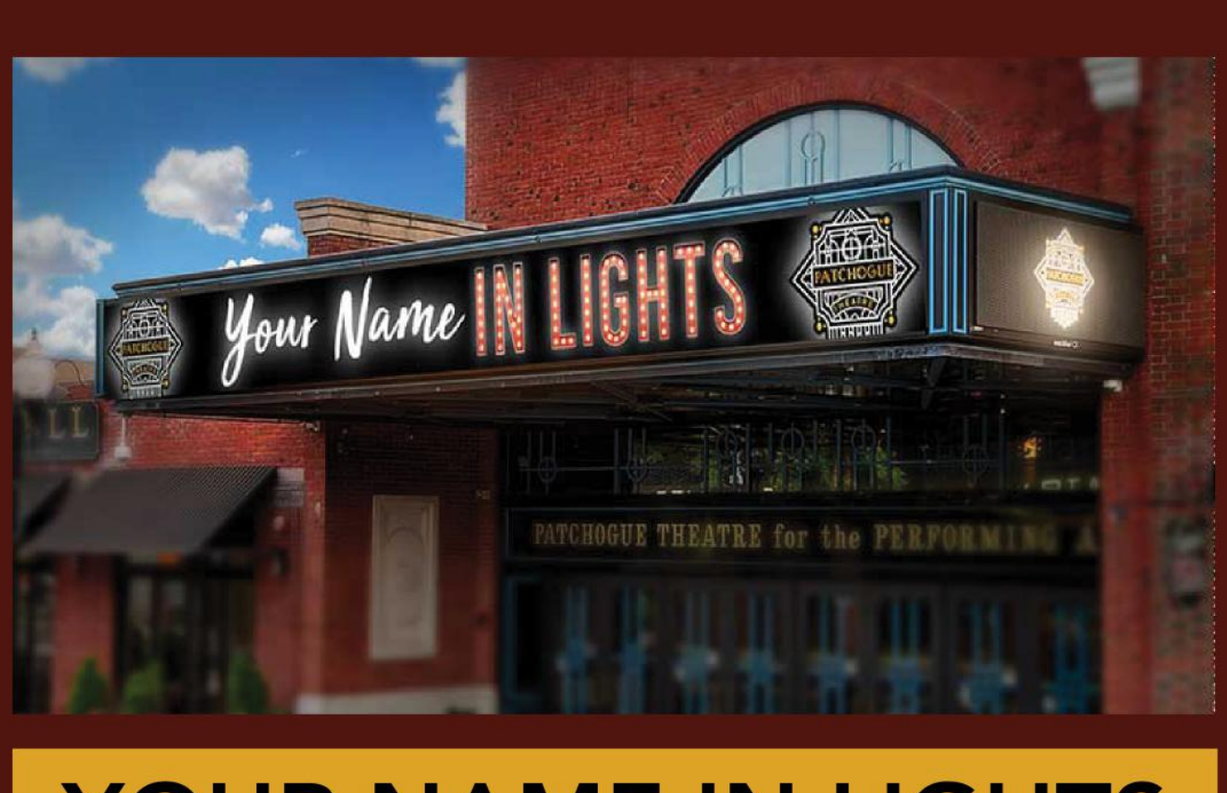

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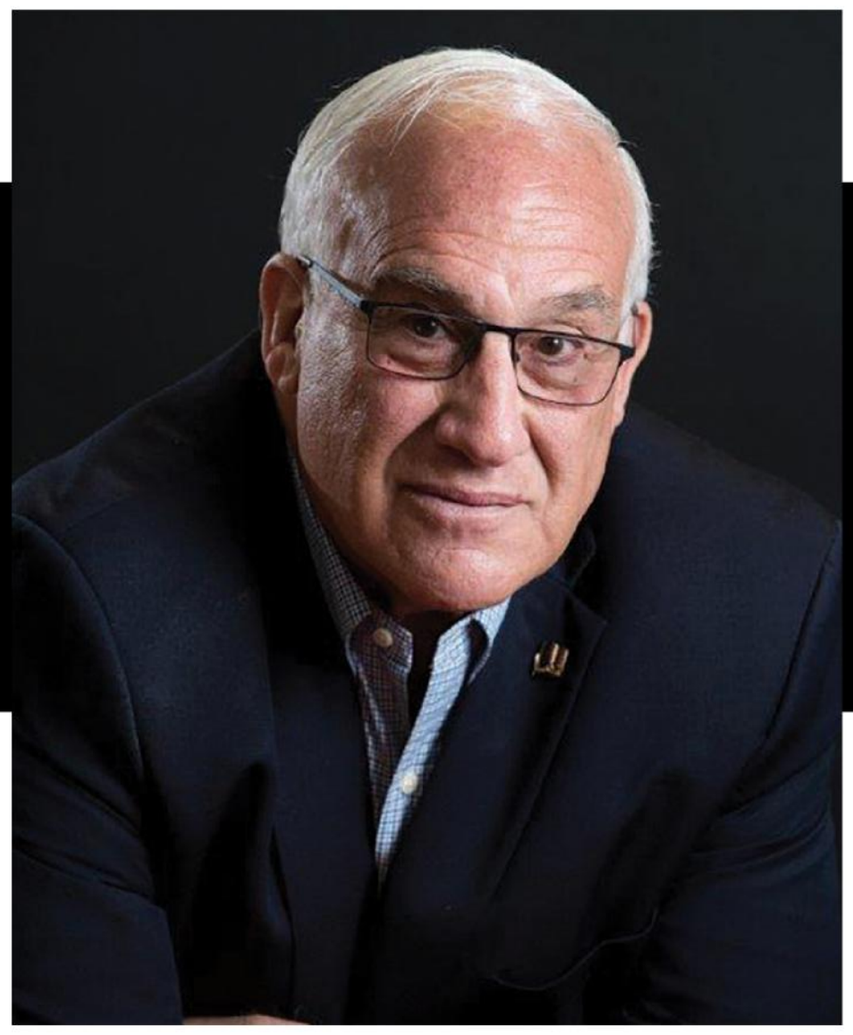

A MESSAGE FROM **PATCHOGUE MAYOR** **PAUL V. PONTIERI, JR.**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the residents of the Incorporated Village of Patchogue, I'd like to welcome you to the Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts.

Many factors have contributed to the Theatre's success, including the dedication and hard work of its Board of Directors and staff. First and foremost, it has always been the unselfish contribution of time and talent by our legion of volunteers, without whom this magnificent venue could not operate. They are our ticket-takers, ushers and greeters at every performance. It is to them that we owe our largest debt of gratitude.

I hope you enjoy your time at Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts and I invite you to enhance your entertainment experience, before and after the show, and visit one of the many fine shops, restaurants and pubs within walking distance of the Theatre. I'm sure you'll be happy you did.

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A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

For 100 years, the Village of Patchogue has had a stage at the center of its community - the historic Patchogue Theatre venue that originally opened as Ward & Glynne's Theater in 1923. In its day, Patchogue Theatre attracted first-run feature films, Broadway productions, silent films, the very best in burlesque, vaudeville and live music performances with acts such as Bette Davis, Eddie Foy and the Fabulous Foys, The Paul Whiteman Orchestra, The Marx Brothers, John Philip Sousa and Rose's Royal Midgets, to name a few. During Patchogue Theatre's early years, the price of admission only cost 40 cents for adults and half that price for children. Glynne operated the Theatre until the Great Depression, when it was purchased by Prudential Playhouses, Inc. Not long after, the days of vaudeville had come to a close, but an evolving film industry and updated sound equipment helped maintain the Theatre as a major venue for first-run films on Long Island, while also serving as a community center for bingo, sing-alongs and other activities.

After a fire hit the Theatre Lobby in 1958, the Theatre was redecorated and designed in a simple and austere manner, with much of the ornate decor simply covered up by plywood, drywall and wallpaper. Patchogue Theatre continued to operate solely as a movie house, and in 1982, the ground floor was divided into two theater screens with the addition of a ceiling to extend the balcony level for a third screen. Essentially, this turned the Theatre into a "triplex," which it continued to operate as until 1987 when the building was closed. The combination of both an economic recession and the opening of a 12 screen multiplex theater nearby no longer allowed Patchogue Theatre to be profitable as a movie house. It stood empty for eight years, and an investigation of the building by village officials and business leaders in October 1994 found that much of the original decor had been preserved under the drywalls, wallpaper and plywood that was installed in the late 1950s.

In 1996, three local businessmen came up with the initial funds to purchase the Theatre while the Incorporated Village of Patchogue applied for grants to renovate and restore the venue to its former

A Message of Hope from Patchogue Theatre

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glory. The Theatre’s interior was restored to its 1923 grandeur in several phases and Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts (PTPA) opened for business with its first performance in December of 1998.

Although the Village of Patchogue owns the historic Patchogue Theatre venue, the staff and volunteers of Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts manage the Theatre, under the leadership of a volunteer board of directors, through a community-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization known as the Patchogue Village Center for the Performing Arts. PTPA leases the building from The Village of Patchogue and covers all of the costs of operating the building, including programming, without any taxpayer subsidies.

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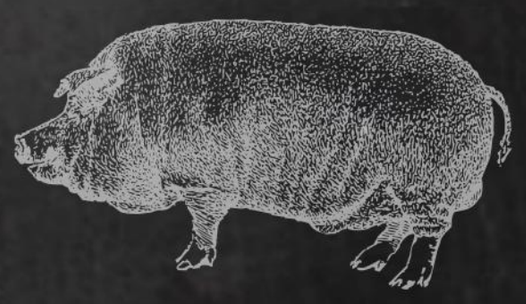

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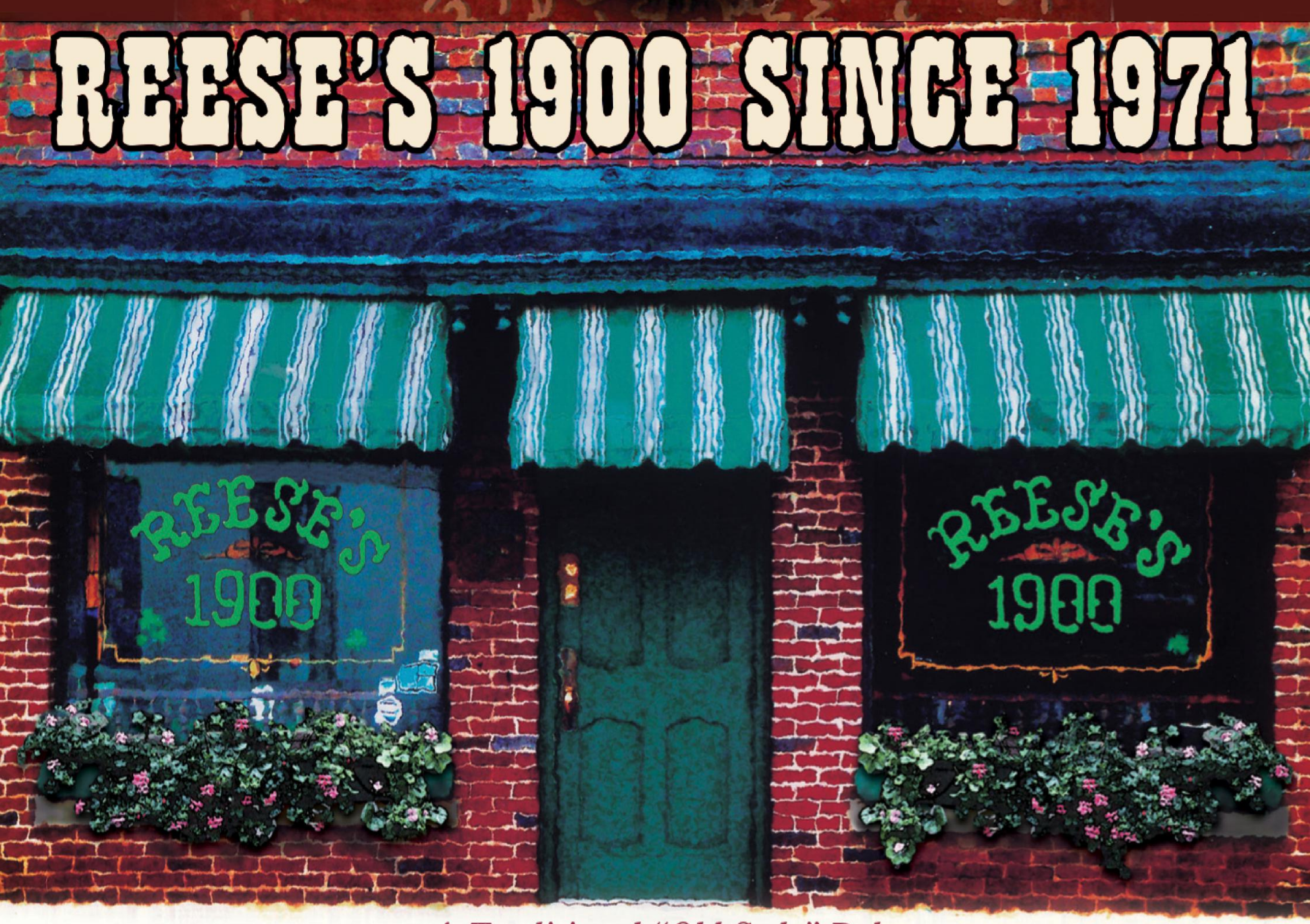

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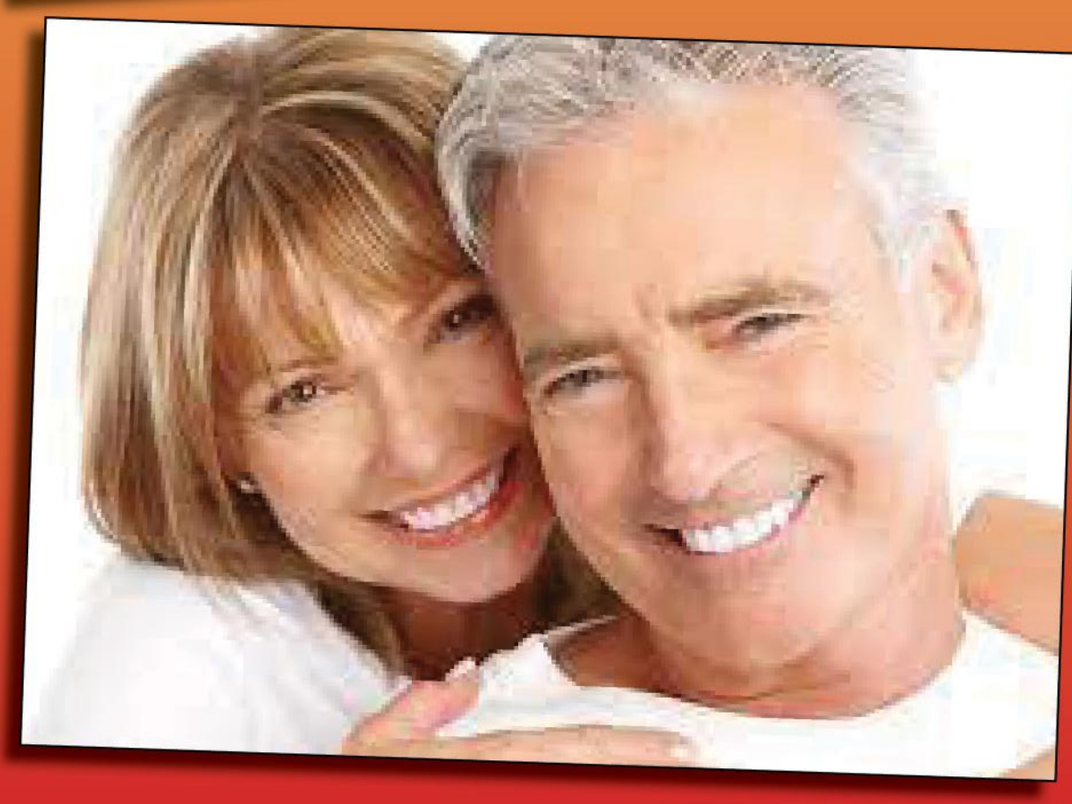

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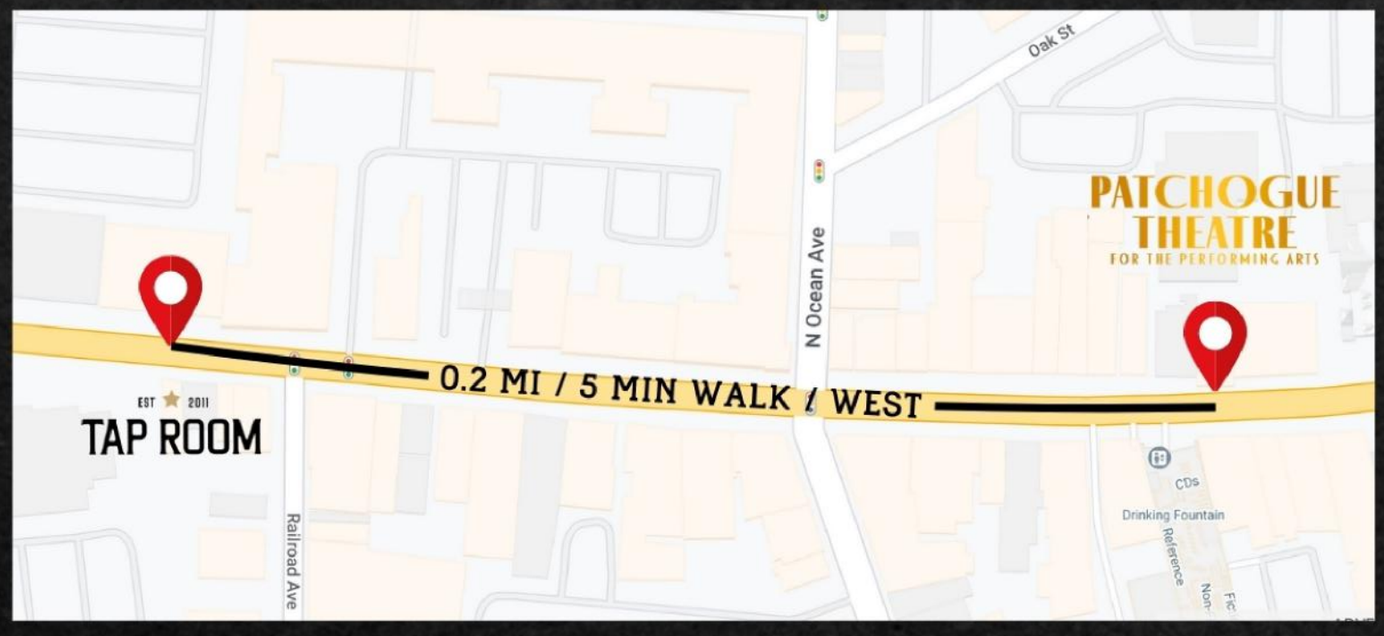

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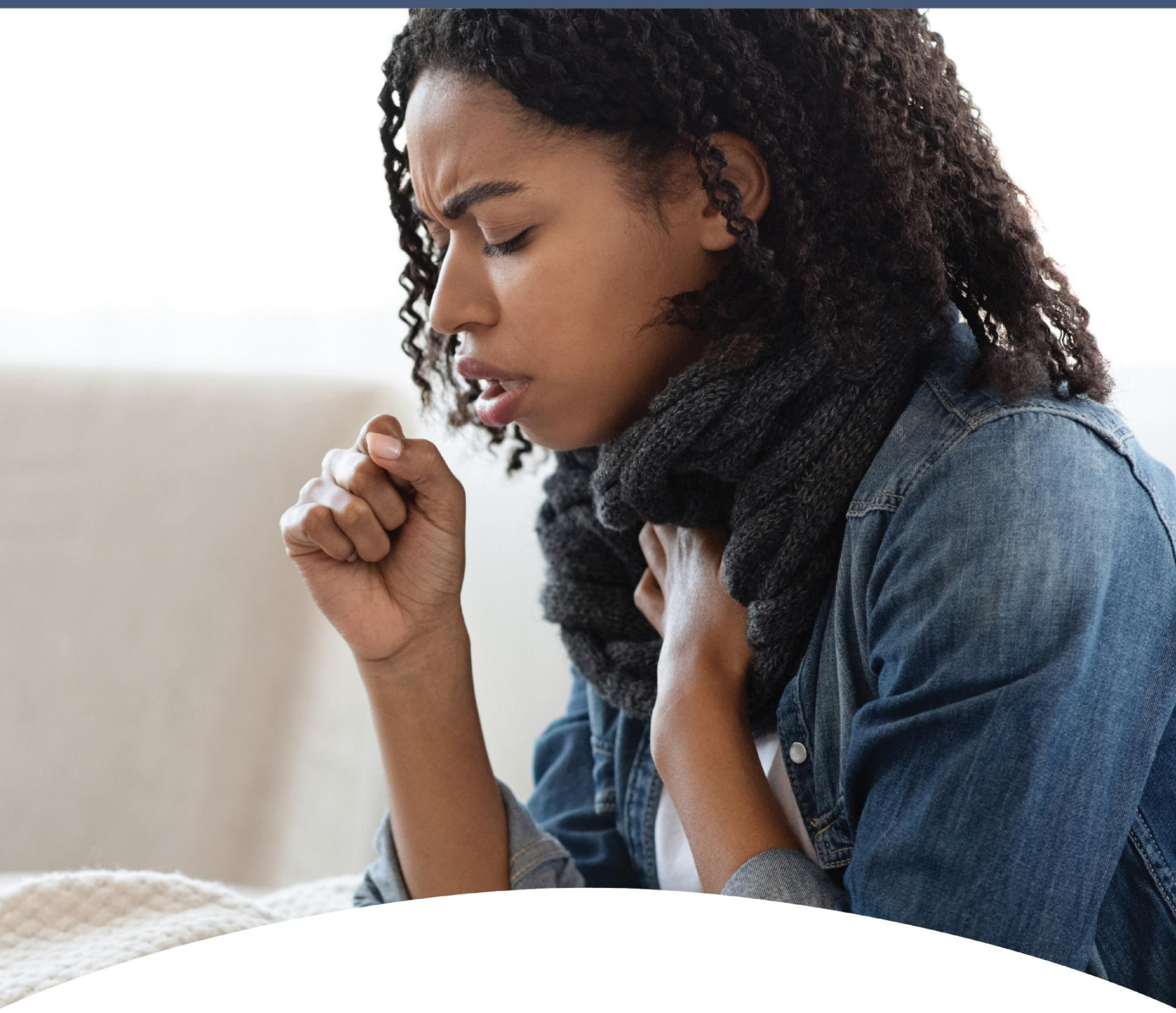

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