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Dear Friend,

I started acting at the University of Michigan in my sophomore year. A friend of mine once had his own theatre company, and he jumped me in. And once I came in, it was just that simple. For the first time in my life, I felt, this is a career, this is a life that I can grow old doing. It was love at first sight. I loved being on stage, reading those plays, and feeling part of something larger than myself. What continues to give me purpose, is the power of creativity and storytelling to write our stories, lift our spirits, and remind us that joy is a radical and revolutionary act.

That is why I am so proud to serve on the Board of National Black Theatre. For over fifty years, NBT has been both a home and a home-away-from-home for artists who dare to dream in bold color, who speak the truth of our experience, and who refuse to let the world define Black life. Instead, we get to define it ourselves through imagination, laughter, rhythm, and love. That is the superpower of National Black Theatre, and it is why I hope you will join me in donating this holiday season.

I've learned that my sense of humor is my greatest asset. Humor helps us survive the hard moments and celebrate the beautiful ones. It is a release, a breath that reminds us we're still here. NBT offers that same kind of release. It is a sanctuary for our collective soul, a place where we can exhale, reflect, and both remember and presently sit in our brilliance.

Right now, the world is heavy and history is under attack. That is why joy matters more than ever. Your gift today helps ensure that the next generation inherits more than our history. They inherit a living practice of imagination and the opportunity to create; for new plays to be born, and for our stories to continue lighting the way forward.

Join me in supporting National Black Theatre with an end-of-year gift, and together we will keep this legacy alive, building a future rooted in truth, art, and joy.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in gold ink that reads "David Alan Grier". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**David Alan Grier**  
Board Member

P.S. Every gift, no matter the size, helps NBT continue telling our stories and sharing the gift of Black artistry. Give today and be part of this living legacy.