

A Note from the Director

Forty-some years ago, I was introduced to what was then called “experimental theatre”. It changed my life. I joined a company (even pranced around in a tie-dyed leotard!), and went off to see visiting companies and artists who represented the highest form of this art. I was so taken that I found myself returning to certain productions over and over again, like a faithful pilgrim. That Dzieci itself now enjoys such a following is absolutely remarkable to me. Here we are moving towards the 20th anniversary of this company and just completing our 18th season of Fools Mass, where even if I don’t know all the names, I most certainly recognize the faces of those who have attended our performances season after season after season. I have always wanted to craft the kind of theatre that had enthralled me so very many years ago. To consider that this may now be an actuality is truly a magnificent gift, and I am immensely grateful for all of you.

Dzieci’s mission is to seek a way for art to be an act of service. We have not only achieved this, we have continued to expand upon it. The act of service, which is our dedicated practice, has become something so rich and fulfilling, for audiences and the company alike, that we are eternally in awe of what we have created. Dzieci is incorporated as a church, but this is not a frivolous legality: we are deeply invested in the spiritual potential of theatre. And our commitment only grows stronger. As we bring this season of Fools Mass to a close, we are struck that the piece, which culminates with a most visceral sacrament, represents the totality of our work, through which we are brought, quite literally, into communion - among company members, and between us and you, our wonderful congregation.

For our 20th anniversary this coming year, we wish to bring Dzieci more directly into the world. If you have been touched in any way, shape or form by or through our work, please consider offering a year-end donation. Together, we can make 2017 something truly miraculous.

Checks can be made out and sent to:

Church of Dzieci
241 Garfield Place
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Or you can donate through Paypal on our website.

<http://dziecitheatre.org/donate/>

On behalf of the company, I offer our deepest gratitude, and send blessings for a magnificent Holiday Season, and a New Year abundant with Grace,

Matt Mitler
Director, Dzieci

PS – (And don’t forget, Dzieci is available for workshops, performances, concerts, and officiating at weddings, Bar-Mitzvahs, and every and all rites of passage.)