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*One of the country's most prolific and successful working playwrights, Gunderson is the 2018-19 most produced playwright in the country, according to American Theatre magazine.*

*“With my national and international productions, I don’t always have the valuable grounding that MTC offers me by giving me the great gift of creating and sustaining a local artistic cohort.”*

**— Lauren Gunderson,**  
*MTC Playwright in Residence*

November 26, 2018

Dear Friend,

Throughout history we have come together to share stories, express different perspectives, learn from others and even laugh together by putting our human experience on stage. I believe our current theatre landscape provides a space for genuine human feeling and heart and soul. I think it's the bravest thing you can do onstage – to be fully alive, emotional and vulnerable. That swell of heart and hope is what I go to the theatre for. And thanks to Marin Theatre Company, we are seeing some of the most important plays about the human experience of our time, coming to life right here in your Marin County and Bay Area backyard, providing us, as artists and audience members, a sense of hope.

For more than a decade, MTC’s recipe for collaboration has been to create intimate, powerful and emotional experiences that engage our audience to consider new ideas and adopt a broader worldview, to help build empathy and create change in our world. Thanks to MTC, I've had a home to foster my craft and partner with me in developing some of my most successful plays.

**However, this recipe does not work without one key ingredient... YOU.** Did you know that ticket sales account for only 40% of MTC’s overall expenses? It is thanks to the generous support of individuals like you that MTC can keep ticket prices accessible to all while supporting award-winning, emerging playwrights like me and my writing partner Margot Melcon. I'm asking you to consider a gift this season to MTC because the work is not possible without your support.

This year, a very generous, anonymous donor has issued the following challenge: **If you increase your last gift, the increase will be matched, if you double your last gift, your entire contribution will be matched and all new donations will be matched up to \$250,000 now through Dec. 31, 2018!** All gifts are eligible and gifts above \$1,500 truly help accelerate our efforts.

**I am asking you to include MTC in your year-end giving** by sending in your contribution today. Thank you for joining MTC as a patron and best wishes for a happy holiday season, which we hope will include attending the world premiere of *The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley* on the Boyer stage Nov. 15 through Dec. 9, 2018!

Sincerely,

**Lauren Gunderson,** Playwright in Residence

***P.S. All contributions are fully tax deductible and contributions above \$1,500 accelerate our efforts – send in your investment in MTC and new American plays today!***

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