

# Patrons Celebrate First Studio Show Back

Live theater is once again alive and well at The Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol, or rather, at its new temporary home. On Jan. 29, The Studio staff celebrated opening day of the theater's first season 5 show, "9 to 5 the Musical," which was performed on The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center stage, a bigger venue, which allowed patrons to spread out in socially-distanced seating. "9 to 5" will continue to run until March 6 at The Sharon. During the coronavirus pandemic, The Studio has continued to provide virtual entertainment including Snack-Size Plays and the Staged Play Reading Series. Three theater patrons spoke to the Daily Sun at Thursday's show about being back at The Studio's first live show in several months. - *Liz Coughlin, Daily Sun*



"We've been season subscribers since the first show four years ago. It's been a long time, and we really missed going out and seeing the cast. We got to know some of them over the years. And it's just great to be back in the theater. And also the cutting edge performances that they put on. They're not just your usual run-of-the mill (shows) - they always make you stop and think and question."

- *Chris Faulhaber, Village of Gilchrist*



"It feels wonderful to be back. I've been so happy all day, I can't tell you. It'll be a little different tonight because they're up on the stage - I'm used to at The Studio being right with them. I'm looking forward to the live production, the interaction of the actors and being able to applaud performances instead of seeing it on TV. I love live theater. And '9 to 5' is such an older show, it'll be interesting to see their version of the production. I'm sure Whitney (Morse) has put a great twist on it."

- *Lisa Fleming, Village of Dunedin*



"It feels great. I actually didn't watch any of the ones online - I'd rather do the live shows. Live performances, they're exceptional. Just the closeness of the performers to us, it just seems so real that we can be right up front, watching how much they can remember for a show. There's so much dialogue and they do such a fabulous job."

- *Marian Pirih, Village of Dunedin*