



## *De's Dazzles – Box of Chocolates*

In the movie *Forrest Gump*, Forrest states that his momma once told him “Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re going to get!” As the pandemic unfolds, the opera house has encountered some good and not-so-good experiences, just like picking a chocolate. Will it be nutty, fruity, creamy, dark or milk chocolate? Forrest found himself in some unique situations with unexpected challenges – a lot like covid. That box of chocolates is a gift to be savored! Here are lessons we’ve learned in 2021:

1. We don’t know the flavor of each chocolate or what each day will bring, but we welcome the random tours, donations, and words of praise.
2. Each unique chocolate is meant to be savored. Each one of you holds a special place in our heart. We cherish the joy shared at each wedding, rental, tour, and concert.
3. Some chocolates are a disappointment, so are canceling and postponing events.
4. Sharing a chocolate makes the encounter sweeter. Our board members appreciate it when you share your experiences with us through email, cards, and social media.
5. Oh, that surprise flavor that you discover is delightful! We have had many new people attending concerts and coming back for more!
6. Enjoy the chocolate. Live in the moment. Attend the upcoming vendor fairs, Christmas concert, tour, or rent the venue for a Holiday Party!
7. Another chocolate, will the flavor disappoint? Nope, we hope you will delight in the unexpected, try something different!
8. Don’t save the last chocolate for that special occasion! Get your tickets or rent our venue so you can create memories now. Give us a try. Mark these dates: December 10 The Empty Pockets Christmas Concert, December 11 Santa Shuffle 1 mile city walk or December 11 Polar Express Pajama Party!

Be on the lookout for our Thankful sale the week of November 21, our *Grateful sale the week of November 28* and our **Christmas special the week of December 5 – 24**. The Corning Opera House is much more than a place, it’s the heart and soul of what brings us together. Come on in.