

First Western Helps Bas Bleu Theater Secure Loan for New Location

New North Old Town location doubles seating capacity.

Fort Collins, CO ([PRWeb](#)) August 17, 2007 -- First Western Trust Bank, the West's premier private bank and trust company, announced today that it has secured financing to help Bas Bleu Theater double its performance space and seating capacity.

As one of Fort Collins' premier arts organizations, Bas Bleu Theatre Company's mission is to present outstanding theater that not only inspires both audience and artist alike in an intimate "salon" setting but also enriches the cultural life of the region.

For years, Bas Bleu put on world-class performances and was widely recognized for regional theatre excellence. Their fame, however, outgrew their space. Bas Bleu found a new location after a local arts patron purchased a site at 401 Pine Street, on the edge of Old Fort Collins Heritage Park. The new site increased overall seating capacity from 43 people to 99 people.

"We were thrilled to be able to offer our help with financing at a time of growth for Bas Bleu," said First Western Trust Bank, Vice President Tom Behr, a member of the Bas Bleu Board of Directors. "Excellence in theater arts is Bas Bleu's foundation and a major benefit to Northern Colorado."

Bas Bleu has successfully launched a capital campaign, recently raising enough money for a significant down payment to buy the building from the patron. First Western helped facilitate this loan as well. "Bas Bleu is now on the road to sustainability and a permanent home," said Behr. "We look forward to continuing to support this shining example of a great organization in the local and regional arts community."

About First Western Trust Bank

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