

## A Message to Our Audience from Michael Donald Edwards: Coronavirus Updates

To Our Asolo Rep Community,

After much careful consideration regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, we regret to inform you that Asolo Rep is suspending all public performances and events for the remainder of our season, originally scheduled to run through June 28. This includes the performances of *The Great Leap, Knoxville, Hood* and *Snow White*.

The safety and well-being of our audience, artists and staff will always be of the highest importance to us, and in canceling performances, we are following the guidelines of public health officials and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

It is absolutely heartbreaking that the companies of these shows, which have done some of the most remarkable work I have seen in my 14 years in this position, will not have the opportunity to perform this season on our stage. These decisions were not made lightly, but we deem them necessary to support our community's and the world's efforts to respond to the spread of the virus.

Looking ahead, we see a very bright future! The complete 2020-21 season will be announced on Friday, April 3. We want you to be the first to hear our excellent lineup for next season and you will be receiving the information via email.

In the meantime, there are two options available for current ticket holders:

• If you have tickets for any of the cancelled performances, we strongly urge you to convert your ticket purchase into a full tax-deductible donation. Your generosity will help to ensure the future of your world-class professional theatre by offsetting some of the lost revenue incurred from having to cancel nearly a third our season. Or,

• We will issue you a refund for your unused tickets. Our box office staff looks forward to speaking with you at a later date to arrange your subscription or single tickets for our 2020-21 season.

To contact the box office, please send an email to <a href="mailto-boxoffice@asolo.org">boxoffice@asolo.org</a>. Please keep in mind that our box office staff is currently very busy keeping up with all requests and your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Future fundraising events and trips including the **Canada Theatre Tour** (June 17-24, 2020) is still scheduled to take place at this time. The Asolo Rep Special Events department will be contacting participants with updates.

**During this time, your support is critical.** Your impact as a donor means more now than ever before. Please donate generously today by **clicking here.** https://tickets.asolorep.org/donate/contribute1

We hope that you stay well and take care of yourself, and that we will see you at the theatre again soon.

With warmest regards,

Michael Donald Edwards

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**Producing Artistic Director**