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Dear Asolo Rep Family,

A STATEMENT FROM ASOLO REP

All of us at Asolo Repertory Theatre acknowledge the pain and trauma that Black Americans are suffering during this alarming time. And we recognize the shock, anxiety and hurt that so many in our country are experiencing. Our current events are heartbreaking and tragically only the most recent in a long history of racial violence and injustice in our nation. We stand in solidarity with those who are committed to the struggle against oppression, racism, and hate.

We can do better. We must do better.

The **GROUND FLOOR: MAKING MUSICALS** performance of *DMSLR G*, originally scheduled for June 4, has been postponed until Thursday, June 11, in solidarity with black communities across the nation.

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ENGAGE: ON AIR

ENGAGE ON AIR – Tonight at 6pm

A Conversation About the Impact on Black Communities

Join us tonight at 6pm on WSLR to discuss the recent events that have sparked protests in Sarasota and all across the country. Producing Artistic Director Michael

Donald Edwards speaks with Asolo Rep Board members Mary Braxton-Joseph and Chet Thompson about the impact on Black Communities as well as Asolo Rep's place in the conversation and healing process.



After airing, you can find this episode along with all past episodes on our website: asolorep.org/engage-learn/asolo-rep-engage/engage-on-air-broadcast

Please join Asolo Rep in supporting these important Sarasota organizations:



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Newtown Alive

Celebrate the history and cultural heritage of Newtown, one of Sarasota's oldest communities. Newtown Alive makes available incredible resources that focus on the rich history of Sarasota's African American community, and the people, places, and events that helped to shape our area as we know it today. You can read the [Newtown Alive newsletter](#) or check out the [website](#) where you can dive into history through research and articles and even set up a guided trolley tour through Newtown.



Manasota ASALH **(Association for the Study of African American Life and History)**

The mission of ASALH is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about black life, history and culture. [The Manasota ASALH](#) branch is the largest in the country, and is very active in our community. Check out their website to learn more about key projects and programs such as the [Veterans of Color Project](#) and their [Student Scholarship program](#).



Support Asolo Rep Now on AmazonSmile

With so many people visiting Amazon during these stay-at-home times, we wanted to remind you that you can help support Asolo Rep with every Amazon purchase. AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of all eligible purchases on Amazon to the charity of your choice. All you need to do is start your shopping at smile.amazon.com, then choose Asolo Rep as your charity. The donation will be made at no extra cost to you.

Or consider donating directly to the Asolo COVID-19 Fund:

[Donate to the Asolo COVID-19 Fund](#)

With the cancellation of 109 performances, Asolo Rep could have possibly lost \$1.6 million in ticket revenue. Thanks to ticket donations and contributions from our philanthropic community, the loss will be significantly less.

Asolo Rep is proud to announce the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation will match every dollar donated to Asolo Rep's COVID-19 Assistance Fund up to \$50,000 beginning immediately. This matching challenge will help redress the financial repercussions of Asolo Rep's truncated 2019-20 season. Asolo Rep extends our gratitude to the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation for their vital support and unwavering leadership during this time.

Please consider a generous donation at this time so that we can continue to fulfill our mission of presenting artistic excellence and meaningful education and engagement programs to Southwest Florida. You can donate to our Covid19 fund by visiting AsoloRepCovid19.givesmart.com OR by texting AsoloRepCovid19 to 76278.

Until next week! ***Stay well and STAY ENGAGED.***



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