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STAY ENGAGED

Asolo Rep Family,

Welcome to this week's installment of STAY ENGAGED. We hope you're enjoying these news notes about what's happening at Asolo Rep and that you are "clicking through" the links to experience content that has never been available before. With our artform so strongly rooted in the live, communal audience experience – it has been something of a silver lining to be able to explore new ways to engage our audiences during these unprecedented times. From streaming productions and highlighting some of our favorite musical moments, to fascinating education videos being used as curriculum by our local teachers, to stunning interviews with our remarkable artists, we invite you to partake in the innovative new ways we've created to keep you engaged with Asolo Rep.

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ENGAGE:ON AIR

<u>ENGAGE ON AIR – Tonight at 6pm!</u>

Tune in every Wednesday at 6pm EST to WSLR 96.5 or visit <u>wslr.org/fogartyville/</u> to listen live to artist interviews discussing the upcoming season at Asolo Rep including new content designed specifically for audio.

In Episode Two of **ENGAGE: ON AIR**, we launch a two-part discussion with producing artistic director, Michael Donald Edwards, on the show he will be directing in the 2020-2021 season, *MSP RMU L*. Hear about how the show made its way into

the season, why Michael believes it is perfect for our moment, and how preparing to direct it has shifted his thinking. Tune in at 6pm EST to WSLR 96.5 to hear the show or check out the Asolo Rep website, where you can also find our first episode with *Billy Elliot the Musical* director, Josh Rhodes.

MONDAY MUSICAL MOMENTS

We launched our #MondayMusicalMoments this week on Facebook and YouTube with two show-stopping numbers from our 2015 production of *West Side Story—Mambo and Maria*. Stay tuned each Monday as we release favorite numbers from our musical archives along with interviews around the creation of these fantastic musical moments.
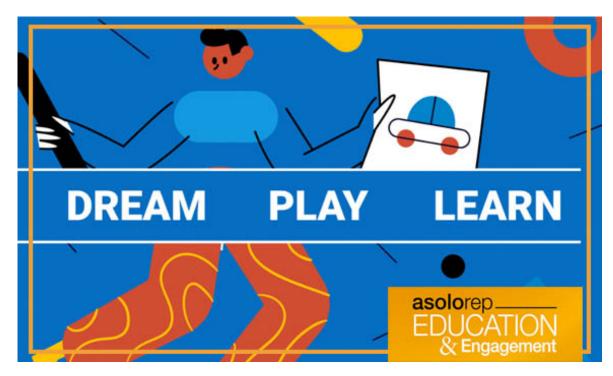
THE GIVING CHALLENGE STARTS NEXT WEEK!

Asolo Rep is proud to participate in the 2020 Giving Challenge presented by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, a 24-hour online giving event that connects 700+ nonprofit organizations with passionate supporters in Sarasota, Manatee Charlotte, and DeSoto counties.

For more than six decades, Asolo Rep has been committed to producing theatre of the highest artistic caliber for one of the most supportive communities a theatre could wish for. This year, The Patterson Foundation will provide a 1:1 match for each donation up to $100 – giving you the opportunity to double your impact!

Mark your calendars for April 28th - 29th and visit givingpartnerchallenge.org to make a difference in our community.

CALLBOARD

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As a member of the Suncoast Arts REACH task force, Asolo Rep Education & Engagement is collaborating with amazing local organizations like the Van Wezel Foundation, Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, The Ringling Museum, Embracing Our Differences, Venice Theatre, The Conservatory for Circus Arts, Mote Marine Laboratory and more. This group of organizations is working to provide schools, early learning centers and families with creative remote learning opportunities. Check out the past three weeks of amazing curriculum here!

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:

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

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