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Dear Asolo Rep Family,

We are excited to announce our Young Artist Online Classes - registration is now OPEN! Learn more and see what else we've been up to this week...



### **Asolo Rep Young Artists: ONLINE CLASSES**

Let's connect, create, and collaborate! Asolo Rep Education & Engagement is debuting new Online Classes designed for ages 8-18, kicking off this June. From demystifying Shakespeare to exploring innovative ways of creating theatre together, these classes will spark your young artist's imagination and help to hone their theatrical technique.

Check out [our website](#) to find out more about the exciting opportunities and amazing professional artists who will be leading these classes. **Registration is open NOW!**



**GROUND FLOOR:**  
**MAKING MUSICALS PREMIERES TOMORROW**

**Thursday, May 21 at 6pm**

Tune in tomorrow at 6pm to our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels to catch the first of four shows in our Making Musicals Series: *Qmf @ \_l af \_p%F%f Djv%Prai \_l b Pnjj Cvrp\_t\_e\_l x\_* with Book, Music and Lyrics by Lizzie Hagstedt. Viewers will see a fifteen-minute preview of the new musical, followed by a fifteen-minute discussion with the playwright/composer and James Monaghan, Asolo Rep Dramaturg and Literary Manager, and Celine Rosenthal, Asolo Rep Associate Artistic Director, who serves as the Director of the Ground Floor Series and is also directing all four musicals. Click [here](#) for details how to vote for your favorite musical.

About the Show: 1783 Paris, the height of fashion is aspiring to new heights on the wings of Hot Air Balloons. At the center of Balloonomania is Jean-Pierre Blanchard, but this is not his story. Plucked from thin air, his wife Sophie uses her courage and cunning to dazzle monarchs, inspire the public, and rewrite history. This energy packed, female forward, rock and roll romp smashes the historical with the modern to bring us the untold story of Sophie Blanchard. The world will never be the same.

To add to the fun, we're incorporating a **Virtual Happy Hour** into the presentation. Here is this week's recipe, a bubbly champagne and black raspberry cocktail, specially chosen for *Qmf @ \_l af \_p%F%f Djv%Prai \_l b Pnjj Cvrp\_t\_e\_l x\_!*



## The Flying Mortal

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Champagne Flute

1/4 oz Chambord

Champagne of your choice

Raspberry (Garnish)

Lemon twist (Garnish)

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1. Add the Chambord to the flute.
2. Top with Champagne.
3. Garnish with a raspberry & lemon twist.

Final step: enjoy! And for a sober sip, try replacing the Chambord with raspberry seltzer and the Champagne with Sprite or sparkling cider. **Cheers!**

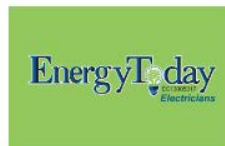


### **BE SEEN – BECOME A CORPORATE SPONSOR TODAY**

“As a corporate partner and private supporter, it gives me great pleasure to see that Asolo Rep’s mission not only results in great theater, but it impacts the community in such a positively dramatic way that goes beyond the local arts community.”

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There are many different ways for corporations to partner with Asolo Rep. For information on how you can become involved, please visit [our website](#).

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ENGAGE: ON AIR



### **ENGAGE ON AIR – Tonight at 6pm**

Tune in every Wednesday at 6pm EST to WSLR 96.5 or visit [wslr.org/fogartyville/](http://wslr.org/fogartyville/) to listen live to artist interviews discussing the upcoming season at Asolo Rep as well as new content designed specifically for audio.

In this week's installment of **ENGAGE: ON AIR**, we hear from Frank Galati as we launch a two part episode on *I L MVTQJC*, the world premiere musical featuring Lyrics and Music by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. You can also check out the Asolo Rep [website](#), where you can also find all the past episodes.



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Did you hear that our next door neighbors at the [John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art](#) are opening their doors next week? Find their safety precautions and best practices for Phase 1 re-opening [here](#).

If you are not quite ready to wander the grounds in person you can explore through their [Museum from Home](#) digital content.

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

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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](https://AsoloRepCovid19.givesmart.com) OR by texting AsoloRepCovid19 to 76278.

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

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