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Dear Asolo Rep Family,

This past week, our 2019-20 regularly scheduled season would have taken its final bow. While we are saddened to imagine what might have been, we are invigorated by the call to action ahead of us. Take a look at this video featuring many of our wonderful artists from the season that was – as we prepare for a bright, inclusive future.

NEW VIDEO: FINAL BOW OF THE 2019-20 SEASON



The **GROUND FLOOR: MAKING MUSICALS** performance of *DMSL R&G*, originally scheduled for June 4, has been postponed until July 23 in solidarity with black communities across the nation.

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ENGAGE: ON AIR



ENGAGE ON AIR – A CONVERSATION FOR OUR TIMES

Join us tonight at 6pm on WSLR, 96.5 or listen online at wslr.org/fogartyville/ to discuss the recent, tragic events that have sparked protests all across the country and theater's relationship to the conversation. This week, Producing Artistic Director Michael Donald Edwards speaks with Peter Rothstein, director of Asolo Rep's production of *P?ERK C* as well as Theater Latte Da Artistic Director, and with Kelli Foster Warder, *P?ERK C*'s choreographer and Director of Education for the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in Minneapolis.



After airing, you can find this episode along with all past episodes on our [website](#).

We at Asolo Rep invite you to participate in 8 minutes 46 seconds of silence.



We'll be using this time to reflect on the hurt of the past, grieve the loss of the present, and plan to prepare for action in the future.



ONLINE CLASSES

Let's connect, create, and collaborate! **Asolo Rep Education & Engagement announces new Online Classes in July.** Young artists ages 8-18, can join us on an epic expedition from their living room, create a thrilling radio drama, or learn auditioning from the pros! 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!**



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Sarasota's libraries are slated to re-open on June 15th. Did you know that housed within the [Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library](#) is **The African American Cultural Resource Center (AACRC)**? AACRC is a reading and resource room whose mission is to gather, display, and disseminate a special collection of resource and reference materials on the global black experience. Once libraries are open again email culturalresourcecenter@gmail.com or call 941-861-1372 to find out their hours.



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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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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