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Dear Asolo Rep Family,

As we head into the long weekend, reflecting on what it means to be an American and continuing to work towards the brightest future for our nation, we want to say **Thank You**. Through good times and through hard times, we rely on you to help us make the theatre that brings us all a little closer.

MONDAY MUSICAL MOMENTS:

YOU'VE GOT TO BE CAREFULLY TAUGHT



In this week's **Monday Musical Moment**, we took a close look at "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught," from Rodgers and Hammerstein's SOUTH

PACIFIC. Hear Director Rob Ruggerieo and Oscar Hammerstein II himself discuss the song's thesis before watching Anthony Festa's emotionally gripping performance. <u>Watch it here.</u>

GROUND FLOOR MAKING MUSICALS:

MĀYĀ on JULY 9th



The next installment of the **Ground Floor Making Musicals Series** will be MĀYĀ, released on Thursday, July 9th at 6pm on our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u> channels.

At the center of the story is Maya Mehta, a Cambridge-educated girl from India striving for recognition as a poet in the West, while her family plans her wedding to a wealthy prince. But in one life-changing moment, the Salt March, led by Mahatma Gandhi against the tyranny of the British Empire, arrives on Maya's doorstep. When Maya joins the thousands in their quest to shake the foundations of an empire, the Mehta family's world changes forever. With a score that fuses Western pop and Indian Classical music, MĀYĀ is about the ties that hold us, the illusions that bind us and the truth that can finally set us free.

If you missed JOHNNY AND THE DEVIL'S BOX, you can <u>watch the full</u> <u>version here</u>. Make sure you're <u>registered to vote</u> on your favorite from the series.

ENGAGE ON AIR

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Nicole A. Watson is the Associate Artistic Director at Roundhouse Theatre in Bethesda, Maryland and the director of Asolo Rep's productions of SWEAT and THE GREAT SOCIETY.

You can catch **Engage On Air** on WSLR, 96.5 every Wednesday at 6pm. All past episodes can be <u>found on our website</u>.

ONLINE CLASSES

JUMP INTO ADVENTURE WITH ONLINE CLASSES THIS 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.

<u>Check out our website</u> to find out more about the exciting opportunities and amazing professional artists who will be leading these classes. Classes start next week - <u>register NOW</u>!



Keep connected with what others are doing in our community

The National Museum of African American History and Culture





You don't have to fly to DC to explore this Smithsonian Museum.

The National Museum of African American History and Culture has an extensive online archival system that you can <u>explore from home</u>. As we wrap up Pride, peruse the LGBTQ+ Objects and Archival Collection. This collection's focus is to share the stories of LGBTQ+ African Americans whose untold and unknown stories have shaped our culture and history.

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 <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, 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 <u>AsoloRepCovid19.givesmart.com</u> OR by texting AsoloRepCovid19 to 76278.

Until next week! Stay well and STAY ENGAGED.



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