Greetings Angelo State University Theatre patrons and friends,

ASU Theatre has been busy adjusting to the precautionary measures that have been put into place for the safety of our students, patrons, and community members. We are in the midst of a major national shift in education and the entertainment industry due to COVID 19.

As always, our students’ educations are our number one priority at Angelo State University Theatre. We are fortunate that we are a group of flexible, creative, and talented artist-scholars that have proven time and time again that we not only handle every challenge that comes our way as an educational theatre company, but we thrive. We have stayed ahead of the curve, and we are ready to tackle this moment in history with our students and community members. All ASU Theatre courses are moving online for the remainder of the semester, and we will continue hosting guest artists and supplementary workshops in an online format. We want to ensure that our students continue to push their potentials as artists and contributing members of an ever-changing society.

Due to safety mandates encouraging social distancing to keep our community safe, we are cancelling the remainder of our 2019-2020 season. In theatre, we must prepare productions and begin their creation processes many months in advance. In order to protect our students and staff, we cannot create the quality of theatre our students or patrons deserve with the uncertain time constraints in the coming months. Additionally, it is important to us that our students can focus on learning solely in an online environment and preparing to return in person when they are able. For educational purposes, we will be moving our production of Blood Wedding by Federico Lorca and A Black Comedy by Peter Shaffer to the Fall 2020 semester as part of the 2020-2021 season. We will be sharing more information on next season and season subscriptions at a later date.

The decisions we have made regarding theatre activities and the remainder of our season have been incredibly difficult to make, and heartbreaking in many circumstances. However, it is imperative given the guidelines put forth by Angelo State University, Tom Green County, and from our governments’ leaders surrounding the COVID 19 pandemic, our desire to keep our patrons and students safe, and the precedent set by professional and educational theatre across the nation that we have made these changes.

ASU Theatre is part of an art form that dates back thousands of years. We have survived wars, plagues, discrimination, illegality as an art form, and so much more. The theatre community is small, fierce, and creative in its smart solutions to cultural challenges, and this moment will not stray from that tradition. Our students will all stay on track in their educations, and we are here to help them navigate the coming future in any way that we are able.

We apologize for any inconvenience this causes you as a valued patron of our educational theatre, and we thank you for your continued understanding and support.

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