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## THE FULTON THEATRE ANNOUNCES SUSPENSION OF PRODUCTIONS

(Lancaster, PA) – The Nationally Regarded Fulton Theatre and the Fulton Theatre Board of Directors is disheartened to announce the suspension of theatrical productions until late spring of 2021. The immediate future for large gatherings is uncertain, and the safety and welfare of the Fulton’s guests, artists and staff, and sustainability of the Fulton Theatre is of utmost importance.

To maintain the financial health of the organization through this dark period, the Fulton Theatre has decreased its staff size by 70%, including personnel across all areas of the theatre. The Fulton will also sustain considerable loss of revenue during this time. Employees who have been furloughed are expected to return during the spring of 2021, though some positions have been eliminated permanently.

It is our new hope that in May of 2021, the Fulton will celebrate with the reopening of *Kinky Boots*, originally scheduled to run through April 4, 2020, when it was forced to close on Friday, March 13, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fulton will also welcome guests into the completed expansion of the building, with brand new lobbies, restrooms, and performance spaces upon reopening.

This is the first time in the building’s 167-year history, through the Civil War, WWI, and WWII, that it will be closed to the community. Though on pause for the moment, The Fulton Theatre will continue to be a cultural institution and a gathering place once again for the Lancaster Community – and beyond. All subscription series packages (with six mainstage productions, four Ellen Arnold Groff Studio Series productions, and four Eichmann Family Series productions), will receive new performance dates, and will otherwise remain unaffected at this time. All shows for the remainder of the 2019/2020 season and the paused 2020/2021 season are expected to be rescheduled, with few changes. The new performance schedule will be announced at a later date.

Executive Artistic Producer, Marc Robin stated, “To say that we are disappointed to not be able to make the arts come alive on our stage this season, is an understatement. At this time, we are remaining optimistic and hopeful. The Fulton will need our community’s help, but we will come out on the other side stronger than ever. We will continue to bring engaging programming digitally throughout this unprecedented time. This time will also be used to complete our expansion, and we look forward to welcoming our guests back into the new and improved gathering space. We are so thankful for the continued support of our community, and we cannot wait to share in the experiences of the arts once again.”

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### **Ticketing Information**

- To help offset the loss of sales, the Fulton is asking that ticket holders consider forgoing refunds and hanging on to their tickets for the rescheduled dates, or consider donating their tickets back to the theatre as a tax-deductible donation, to ensure the Fulton is able to continue producing Broadway quality at Lancaster pricing
- The Fulton will be working over the summer to move every patron to their corresponding day and time during the rescheduled run. Patrons with tickets to any of the rescheduled shows will automatically be transferred into the rescheduled dates. For those wishing to obtain a refund, please fill out the Ticket Return Form on the Fulton's website at [www.theFulton.org](http://www.theFulton.org)
- New tickets to the rescheduled shows will be mailed out in the fall
- New Subscription will go on sale in November
- Single tickets to the remaining 2019/2020 season (now May 2021 – September 2021) and the 2021/2022 season will go on sale February 8, 2021
- Now, more than ever, donations to the not-for-profit Fulton Theatre will play a vital role in the continued growth and development of our historic theatre and the many artistic, educational and outreach programs we bring to our community. To make a donation, please visit [www.theFulton.org](http://www.theFulton.org) under the support tab

### **Additional Information**

- The Fulton Academy summer classes have also been canceled. Students registered for summer classes will receive a credit towards a future class. Any requested refunds will be processed in the coming weeks.
- Construction on Phase II of the Breakout Performance Campaign has resumed under CDC and state guidelines.
- For more information on the Fulton's Breakout Performance Campaign, please visit [www.FultonBreakout.org](http://www.FultonBreakout.org) . To make a donation, or for updates as a donor, please contact Nicole Hackmann, Director of Donor Relations at [nhackmann@thefulton.org](mailto:nhackmann@thefulton.org)

Efforts will be made to continue communications with our audience through email, theFulton.org, and the Fulton's social media channels. It is asked that patrons with urgent questions email [boxoffice@thefulton.org](mailto:boxoffice@thefulton.org) or message the Fulton's facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FultonTheatre/> , which will be continuously monitored by Fulton Theatre staff. Fulton staff will reply in a timely manner. We thank our patrons for their patience and understanding during this unprecedented time.

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**More About Fulton Theatre:**

The Fulton first opened its doors in 1852. 167 years later, this national historic landmark theatre continues to entertain, educate and delight audiences, bringing live theatre, music, and more than 130,000 patrons into downtown Lancaster annually. Since its inception, some of the brightest stars of theatre, music and film have appeared on its stage, including Sarah Bernhardt, Mark Twain, Lionel Barrymore, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, W.C. Fields, George M. Cohan, Treat Williams and Lancaster's own Jonathan Groff.

Today, under the leadership of Executive Artistic Producer Marc Robin, the Fulton Theatre produces a mix of comedies, dramas and musicals, employing the talents of professional directors, designers, actors and playwrights from across the country. The Fulton also offers classes for children, teens and adults as well as numerous community engagement programs across the region.

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