

# TWIN CITY PLAYERS

Twin City Players Family,

Recently we sent out surveys to our community to gather thoughts and opinions on when, and under what circumstances, audiences and volunteers would feel comfortable returning to enjoy and participate in live theatre in the wake of COVID-19. We are so grateful for the many survey responses!

The surveys confirmed for us what we already knew: the landscape of theatre isn't going to be the same for quite a while. Even with social distancing and stringent precautions in place, there is no way to continue "business as usual".

Following the theater's decision to postpone *The Women of Lockerbie* and *Fun Home*, our board has discussed many times what changes need to be made so that we can move forward — both short and long term.

After much discussion and deliberation, we are announcing that our originally planned 2020-2021 Mainstage Season will be adapted so that we can remain flexible during future COVID-19 closures. As a result, we will not announce a "Season Reveal" and Flex Passes will not be available at this time.

What does this mean, exactly? It means that some of our planned shows are being rescheduled for the 2021-2022 season, when we will hopefully be able to produce these shows as they were intended: big, bright, and with lots of people! It means that our schedule will not look the same, and that it will continue to evolve as we all work our way together through the COVID-19 crisis.

Does this mean Twin City Players is closed, or staying "dark"? Absolutely not! By reworking the originally planned 2020-2021 season, we are allowing ourselves the flexibility to make theatre on an adjustable timeline - being able to respond to the ever-changing pandemic crisis in real time without having to worry about the domino effects even the slightest date change can have on a full season of planned shows. Our goal is to begin announcing one show at a time as they become feasible.

To "test the waters," we are announcing that our next show is tentatively scheduled to run in September, depending on restrictions and safety concerns. The show will be *The Women of Lockerbie* by Deborah Brevoort, directed by Kraig Kirkdorfer. This production held auditions and rehearsed prior to the COVID-19 shutdown as part of our 2019-2020 season. If we are able to move forward with the show, and can do so safely, it will introduce our audiences to a new socially-distant seating model and other required precautions. Final show dates are, of course, contingent upon conditions as we move forward. As our plans for the 2020-2021 Season (September 2020 - June 2021) and the 2021-2022 Season (September 2021 - June 2022) evolve we will keep you informed.

One of Michigan's longest-running community theaters isn't going away; times are changing, and we will change along with them. But our commitment to you remains unchanged; we will continue to make art, while always putting community before theatre.

Twin City Players Board of Directors

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