

CIRCLE THEATRE

A MESSAGE TO OUR CIRCLE FAMILY | 3.18.20 **RE: *DISASTER!* CANCELLATION**

In line with CDC guidelines announced earlier this week, events that consist of 50 people or more will be evaluated and/or canceled through May 10. To protect the health and well-being of our volunteers, patrons, performers, and staff, Circle Theatre announces today that ***Disaster!*, originally scheduled for May 7-9 | 13-17 | 20-23 has been cancelled for the 2020 season.**

Why a cancellation? Bringing the magic of live theatre to the stage takes a grand investment of both time and money. Musical casts rehearse for eight weeks, three hours a day, five days a week - and with a cast of 20, the first priority is to keep our volunteers protected and healthy by following CDC guidelines. In addition, the financial commitment to bring *Disaster!* to the stage would be nearly \$40,000. **It is our intent to present *Disaster!* as part of our 2021 season next year.**

All individuals who have purchased tickets for *Disaster!* will be contacted via email in the next 48 hours with more information on how to apply their ticket purchase towards an upcoming play or musical performance in the 2020 season or how to donate the purchase price of their ticket back to Circle Theatre.

At this time, it is expected that the Summer Concert Series events *Hits of the '80s: Vol. 2* on May 11 and *Freebird: Classic Rock of the '70s* on May 18 will perform as originally scheduled. Tickets are available now; visit circletheatre.org to purchase.

As we continue to adjust our operations regarding COVID-19, **we will no longer be taking walk-ins at the Box Office.** We encourage you to use our online ticketing system at circletheatre.org, as it is open to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the comfort of your home. For customer service inquiries, you can email boxoffice@circletheatre.org or call 616.456.6656 Monday-Friday, noon - 5:00pm.

This major programming change at Circle brings us financial hardship due to lost income from ticket sales. If you are moved to do so, would you consider making a donation to Circle today? Your donation will help us withstand the challenges we have ahead of us. For 68 years we've had the honor of enriching, educating, and entertaining our audiences, and we want to prepare the best we can today to ensure that we remain the voice of the stories and music that move you for decades to come. To make a contribution of any amount, visit circletheatre.org or call our box office.

All of our Circle volunteers, patrons, performers, and staff are an important entity of our Circle Family. Because we value you and the part that you play within our Circle, it's important to us that we keep you up to date on COVID-19 related changes as they occur. You can visit circletheatre.org/covid-19-information/ for updates on postponements, cancellations, box office updates, and performer information. In addition, **we promise to be in touch with you by the first full week of April regarding any alterations or cancellations to *Moon Over Buffalo* scheduled for June 4-6 | 10-14 | 17-20 and May/June Summer Concert Series events.**

While all of us at Circle Theatre are deeply saddened by the cancellation of *Disaster!*, we will all be together again soon enough. Until then, keep up with us on Facebook ([Circle Theatre Grand Rapids](https://www.facebook.com/CircleTheatreGR)) and Instagram ([circletheatregr](https://www.instagram.com/circletheatregr)); we hope to keep you entertained and your spirits lifted. May we all continue to be good neighbors. Please take care of yourself and those that you love.

Be well. We appreciate you.
The Staff of Circle Theatre