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## ARTS COLLECTIVE THEATRE (ACT) Cancels/Postpones remaining Sixth season

As a result, of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, Arts Collective Theatre (ACT) has made the decision to cancel/postpone the remaining 2020 season. The ACT board of directors felt safety was our highest priority.

Artistic Director Chris Rabideau says *“We were so excited to produce this season of journeys, unfortunately the world has taken us on a different journey, and we must continue to act accordingly to keep our patrons safe. We look forward to continuing our journey next year.”*

ACT will be launching online content throughout the year where you can get involved. The first up will be our social justice project **“Wherever It Takes You”** that was performed by our seniors in March. Join the cast on June 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00am and 7:00pm as we go LIVE on Facebook and present specific scenes from the show and answer questions from the viewers. Please tune in and be part of the discussion!

ACT’s youth program was set to perform *“James and The Giant Peach”* at the end of Spring and we are in discussions to either present it online this Fall or postpone it until Spring 2021. We want to thank all the youth for their love of theatre and for their continued support.

For our 30 Under 30 Program we were excited to present *“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat”*. We have also decided to cancel this summer project that was set to open in September at the Capital Theatre. We look forward to staging a musical next year and hope you will join us for a summer of fun in 2021.

### OPTIONS FOR TICKET HOLDERS of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat:

**1. Donate your tickets to ACT:** Your donation is essential in providing financial stability for your local arts community. By donating the value of your ticket, you will ensure that ACT continues to enhance the well-being of the Windsor Essex community through theatre education, mentorship, and by bringing awareness to social justice issues in Windsor and beyond.

**2. Refund:** Have the ticket face value refunded to your credit card.

Please contact the Capitol Theatre Box Office [boxoffice@windsorsymphony.com](mailto:boxoffice@windsorsymphony.com) with your full name or order confirmation number and let us know how you would like to proceed with your Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat tickets. Please let us know by June 22nd.

ACT has also decided to postpone our new program ACT New Works to Fall 2021. The program was created to give new writers and composers an opportunity to write and stage a musical that ACT would produce and provide professional mentorship.

We want to thank all our patrons who have donated their tickets to ACT during this economic hardship. We appreciate all your contributions at this time. We encourage you to move your ticket to a future show. For more information please contact the Capital theatre. If you'd like to make a donation, please email [info@actwindsor.com](mailto:info@actwindsor.com) for further information.

ACT continues to remain fluid at this time. We like so many arts organizations as we are trying to guide ourselves through this difficult time. We hope that when this time passes, we will support and lift up the arts community by supporting local theatre in Windsor Essex.

Thank you. Please stay healthy and safe everyone.

**The ACT Board of Directors.**

*Chris, Moya, Robin, Val, Pam, Theresa, Shelly, Mike, and Jax*