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President's Letter

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Dear CST Patron:

It's hard to believe just how much our lives have changed in the one week since the COVID-19 coronavirus was discovered here in Oklahoma City.

If this story were a play, I'd estimate that we're only about five minutes into the story, the point at which the world, as established on the stage, now has a conflict. The trouble is, we have no way of knowing how long this story lasts. We hope it will have a happy ending, but we're also very concerned and cautious.

With only uncertainty as a given, the Carpenter Square Theatre Board of Directors has made some tough decisions regarding the rest of our season. Here are the four biggest ones:

1. "Advance Man" is canceled. We may move it to a later season.
2. Our Plan A calls for "A Funny Thing ..." to move into that spot, May 15-June 6. The cast is already in run-throughs, and it would be a shame to deprive them of the opportunity to perform. Besides, it's a comedy, which we all need now, and it's a racy comedy! "Advance Man" hasn't yet started rehearsals.
3. Should the coronavirus pandemic still keep venues closed, our Plan B will shift "A Funny Thing ..." into the June 26-July 18 spot currently slated for "Ken Ludwig's A Comedy of Tenors." That will conclude this season, and we'll plug Ludwig's show into the next season. To quote Will Rogers, "the good Lord willing and the creeks don't rise," we won't have to consider a Plan C. Whenever "A Funny Thing ..." runs, your tickets will be at Will-Call.
4. As you know, CST is a small, non-profit community theater. We operate on a very tight budget and refunds would put us in a financial bind. With that in mind, we hope you'll consider donating the cost of any tickets for the cancelled show(s), or better yet, bring someone new to CST with your unused tickets when we are producing again. But, please, contact the CST office at 405-232-6500 or just reply to this e-mail if you need the refund. I truly hope you'll understand our situation.

Ready for a little good news? We now have our building permit from the City! And thanks to a grant from the Inasmuch Foundation, we'll begin the build-out of the warehouse at Reno and Western with great enthusiasm. We'll continue seeking other grants and corporate donations, but I fully expect our new location to be ready for season 37.

Thanks again for your continued, loyal support!

Rick Allen Lippert
President, CST Board of Directors