



THOUSAND ISLANDS PLAYHOUSE CANCELS JUNE/JULY PERFORMANCES

- *Springer Theatre now scheduled to open August 8th with Perfect Wedding* -

Gananoque, ON (April 17, 2020) – In an effort to keep our audience and employees safe, and to help lessen the spread of COVID-19, the Thousand Islands Playhouse has postponed the first two productions of its 2020 season – *Back in '59* and *The Music Man*. The season will now open with *Every Brilliant Thing* on July 18 in the Firehall Theatre and *Perfect Wedding* on August 8 in the Springer Theatre.

“The health and safety of our audience, artists, employees and volunteers is our highest priority. Although the decision to postpone these two productions was necessary, it is still heartbreaking.” said **Brett Christopher**, Managing Artistic Director. “I am in this role to provide opportunities for others to make and experience theatre, not to take them away. I am so sorry to those who had already been working diligently on these productions and to everyone who had eagerly bought tickets to these two shows.”

All ticket holders to *Back in '59* and *The Music Man* will be issued credits on their account for the full value of their ticket and will be contacted directly by email with instructions on how to make further arrangements.

“I’d like to thank all of the artists, designers, technicians, and staff whose hard work has been tremendously impacted by this decision to postpone” said Christopher. “While these two plays will not see the stage as planned, I am dedicated to working to bring these productions and artistic teams back to the Playhouse at a later date.”

The Playhouse season will run from July 17 to November 1 with 6 productions across the two venues. The company’s staff and artists are working to conceive alternate summer programming in lieu of public gatherings to ensure that art continues to be a part of summer in the region. The company will continue to monitor the situation and follow the advice of our government and health officials. Our audience and community will be immediately informed if additional performances are required to be postponed or cancelled.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit 1000islandsplayhouse.com.

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