Dear RU Theatre Patrons,

First of all, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy during this national crisis.

As you may imagine, we have spent quite a bit of time thinking about our upcoming performances of Sweeney Todd. Governor Whitmer and the CDC have called for the cancellation of large gatherings for the next few weeks, and our production falls into that category.

Rochester University has already made the decision to take classes online for the next few weeks for the safety of our students and the community. We value, above anything else, the safety of our patrons and our students. With that in mind and in accordance with the CDC’s recommendation, we will not be opening Sweeney Todd in April.

Our current plan is to postpone the production. It is our hope that in the coming weeks, the situation will improve and we will be able to open Sweeney Todd on June 4th and run for two weekends. As the situation continues to change rapidly, we will keep you up to date on any changes to these plans and will inform you when tickets become available.

Many of you have already purchased tickets for Sweeney Todd. Firstly, we would like to thank you for your support and enthusiasm and hope that you will be able to join us in June for our alternate show dates. We hope that you will consider donating one or more of the tickets you have purchased. When you purchase a ticket for an RU Theatre production, you are supporting the education of our students both on and beyond the stage. Donations allow us to continue offering not only quality productions for our community, but excellent education for our students as well. Please contact the box office (theatre@rc.edu) if you would like to make a donation.

If you choose not to make a donation, we will refund your ticket order and inform you as soon as you are able to purchase tickets for the new dates. As events all over the country are facing cancellations, it may take a few days for your refund to fully process. If you would like to request a refund, email our box office with the name the tickets were purchased under, the date they were purchased for, and the number of tickets you would like to have refunded.

We will keep you updated in the coming weeks on the status of the production. If you have any questions about donating or receiving a refund, contact theatre@rc.edu. Stay safe in the coming weeks and know that we cannot wait to have you all join us for a show sometime very soon.