

# ASOLO REPERTORY THEATRE

PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR MICHAEL DONALD EDWARDS • MANAGING DIRECTOR LINDA DIGABRIELE

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## **ASOLO REP AND THE FSU/ASOLO CONSERVATORY TO PRESENT THEIR 2017-18 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT EVENT ON MONDAY, MARCH 20**

### **WHAT:**

Asolo Repertory Theatre, one of the leading regional theaters in the United States, and the FSU/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training, one of the top actor training programs in the country, will jointly announce their 2017-18 seasons on Monday, March 20 at 4pm at the annual Season Announcement Event. Michael Donald Edwards, Asolo Rep Producing Artistic Director, will announce Asolo Rep's season, and Greg Learning, Director of the FSU/Asolo Conservatory and Associate Artistic Director of Asolo Rep, will announce the Conservatory's season. **The Season Announcement Event, held in the Mertz Theatre, is free and open to the public, however tickets are required.** Asolo Rep subscribers and donors at the Angels level or higher will receive preferred seating.

Light refreshments will be served in the lobby following the presentation.

### **WHEN:**

Monday, March 20  
Lobby will open at 3pm  
Presentation will begin promptly at 4pm

### **WHERE:**

Mertz Theatre  
FSU Center for the Performing Arts  
5555 N. Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL 34243

### **HOW:**

The Season Announcement Event is free and open to the public, however tickets are required. Tickets are available by calling Asolo Rep's Box Office at 941.351.8000 or 800.361.8388, by visiting [www.asolorep.org](http://www.asolorep.org) or by going to the box office, located in the lobby of the theatre. Patrons should announce to the box office if they are an Asolo Rep subscriber or a donor at the Angels level or higher when making their reservations to receive preferred seating.

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## **ABOUT ASOLO REP**

Now in its 58th season, Asolo Repertory Theatre is recognized as one of the premier professional theatres in America and one of the largest in the Southeastern United States. One of the few select theatres in the nation that performs in true rotating repertory, Asolo Rep's highly skilled acting company and extensive craftsmanship bring to life this unique performance method that gives audiences the opportunity to see multiple productions in the span of a few days. Asolo Rep presents up to 15 productions each season including contemporary and classic works and provocative musical theatre experiences. A theatre district in and of itself, Asolo Rep is committed to expanding its reach into the community, furthering its collaboration with the best theatre artists working in the industry today and cultivating new artists through its affiliation with the FSU/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training. Under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Michael Donald Edwards and Managing Director Linda DiGabriele, Asolo Rep's ambitious theatrical offerings and groundbreaking education and outreach programming engage audiences and ensure its lasting legacy for future generations.

For more information, visit [www.asolorep.org](http://www.asolorep.org).

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## **ABOUT THE FSU/ASOLO CONSERVATORY FOR ACTOR TRAINING**

The FSU/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training is a celebrated three-year graduate program culminating in a master of fine arts degree. For more than 40 years, tens of thousands of actors from across the continent have auditioned for admission. A maximum of 12 students are admitted each year. In their second year, the students perform in the Cook Theatre, a 161-seat space designed to create an intimate experience for the audience and actors. Third-year students are seen on the Mertz Stage working with the Asolo Rep's professional actors in exciting and significant roles.

For more information, visit <http://www.asolorep.org/conservatory/welcome>.

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