

Dear Educator,

No doubt it has been a challenging year for you and your students. I want to commend you for your extraordinary efforts to teach under these circumstances. It is yet another example of the unwavering commitment teachers in Michigan have for the students they serve. Thank you for everything you do!

As I write this message, I am optimistic about an Act One School Series for the 2021-22 season live on stage at Wharton Center. While there may be some federal, state, and/or Michigan State University safety mandates we will have to follow, we are trying to ride the wave of optimism and making plans. If, for example, masks are required for all or part of the season, you will be notified in advance so you can prepare. If a performance is canceled related to Covid and cannot be replaced, your deposit or payment will be refunded or can be applied to a future Act One School show.

Provided it is deemed safe, I can think of no better time for all of us to gather once again in a Wharton Center theatre for plays, dance, and music. We all need the joy of the arts right now and that sense of community we have lost during the pandemic. What a great opportunity to renew your students' connection to humanity and creativity.

This season's Act One School Series offerings can be found <u>here</u>. Many of the shows in this year's schedule events that had to cancel last year. We are pleased to be able to offer them to you again this season. Ticket and bus subsidies are once again available.

Thanks again for your participation. I so look forward to seeing you at Wharton this season.

Best,

Bert Goldstein Director, Wharton Center Institute for Arts & Creativity

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