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Re: TENX10 Cancellation in response to COVID-19

In light of the current COVID-19 situation and in the interest of the health and safety of our audiences, members, and the wider public, we have decided – with heavy hearts – to cancel all remaining performances of **TENX10**, effective immediately. Ticketholders will be contacted by GoTix in due course to offer refunds of tickets purchased.

A decision such as this is not taken lightly, and it is not easy news to break. I am acutely aware of the hours upon hours of work and dedication which goes into producing any production, and our decision to cancel a production in the interest of public health is unprecedented for BTC.

We are proud of this season of **TENX10**, and we are proud to be part of Bendigo's inaugural Pride Festival. Our love and best wishes go to the committee of Bendigo Pride Festival, and other community groups who have been affected by this pandemic. We congratulate the **TENX10** team on their first weekend of performances; we are grateful that – although cut short – this year's season was able to be shared with Bendigo audiences.

As a community, it is now time – more than ever – to band together and support one another. We understand how unsettling and disturbing this time is.

We are uncertain what the future holds; we are monitoring the situation closely and taking each day as it comes. Rehearsals are currently underway for **Beyond Reasonable Doubt** and are about to commence for **We Will Rock You**. These rehearsal periods will continue to take place with a view to open as scheduled. We will be implementing additional measures and precautions to keep our casts and production teams as safe and healthy as possible during this time.

We are resilient, and we will get through this together. We cannot wait to be back sharing theatre with you soon.

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Abe Watson'.

Abe Watson

President, Bendigo Theatre Company