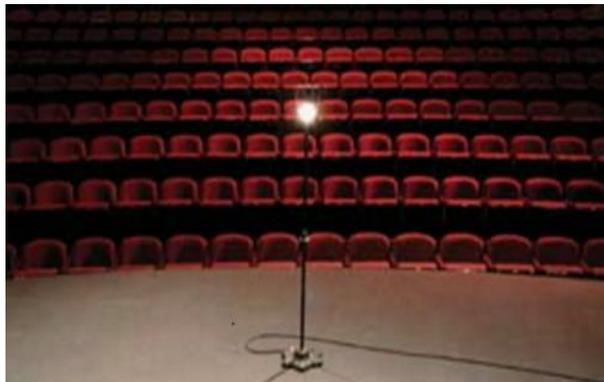


## Mask and Mirror Monthly Membership Magazine

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**A ghost light is an electric light that is left energized on the stage of a theater when the theater is unoccupied and would otherwise be completely dark. Here's hoping/praying that we'll all be safely back soon.**



## A World Turned Upside Down

**How our world has changed in the past six weeks...the corona virus pandemic has left few, if any, of us untouched. And that includes Mask & Mirror Community Theatre.**

**As Governor Brown's restrictions on gatherings were growing ever more stringent, most Portland area theatres began closing their doors, as did we. Tony Broom and his great cast were able to mount the first two shows of "Deathtrap" before the remaining six had to be canceled. It was a very tough decision, but our Executive Board made it out of an abundance of caution and with much input from cast, crew, director and other Mask & Mirror members.**

In addition, as we did not (and still do not) have a definite date for when the pandemic will begin to abate and restrictions on gatherings will be lifted, we also decided to postpone the next show, “Suite Surrender”. Once we do have such a return date, we can make a decision on how to proceed. It will take time for either of these two shows to be rehearsed to the point of being ready to present, with replacement cast members if some are unavailable, finish set construction, promote the show in our usual ways and more. If the date for lifting of restrictions extends much beyond April 28 (where school closures are currently set to end) then neither show will be able to be presented this season.

If you would like a refund of tickets that were purchased for either of these shows, please send an email to [tickets@maskandmirror.com](mailto:tickets@maskandmirror.com). If you would prefer to donate your ticket purchase amount instead, please send an email to [PR@maskandmirror.com](mailto:PR@maskandmirror.com). [But please let us know, either way.] With this significant loss of income to our theatre, we would appreciate it greatly if you would consider making a (tax deductible! “to the extent the law allows”, etc.) donation to Mask & Mirror Community Theatre, at [www.maskandmirror.com/support-us](http://www.maskandmirror.com/support-us), or contact me directly at [info@maskandmirror.com](mailto:info@maskandmirror.com).

We still hope to present our second UnMasked show of the season (“Laundry & Bourbon / Lone Star”) July 10-19, though even that has not been without hurdles already. Director Leslie Inmon will hold auditions by video submission (by April 13, 2020) rather than via an in-person event, again out of an abundance of caution. More details are available at [www.maskandmirror.com/auditions](http://www.maskandmirror.com/auditions).

While we are so very sorry, disappointed, worried, hopeful and everything in between at the disruption to two of this season’s main stage shows, we understand very well the importance of doing our part to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus so that we can all get back to life as usual, as soon as possible. All of us here at Mask & Mirror Community Theatre wish you the very best of health and good spirits until that time.

Thank you,

John Bartholomew

President, Mask & Mirror Community Theatre