

Asolo Rep Receives \$100,000 Grant from Barancik Foundation

Asolo Repertory Theatre has announced that it is the recipient of a \$100,000 grant from the Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation. The grant will provide key support for Asolo Rep's 2018-19 season, which kicks off in November with *The Music Man*, directed by Tony nominee Jeff Calhoun and starring Broadway song and dance man Noah Racey. It will also support Asolo Rep's Access to the Arts Programs: Main Stages and the annual fall Shakespeare tour. Main Stages provides area students with the opportunity to see a world-class production at Asolo Rep. Through the fall Shakespeare tour, live theatre is brought to the students at schools and community venues throughout Florida. Both Main Stages and tour performances are supplemented with teaching artist-guided workshops, study guides and other materials to enhance students' experience before and after the performance. The Barancik Foundation grant will also help to underwrite the cost of the annual FSU/A solo Conservatory for Actor Training London Study Program. Each summer, the rising third-year Conservatory MFA students spend six weeks in London. When they return from this enriching training, they become the acting company for the annual Shakespeare tour and then join Asolo Rep's main stage acting company for repertory season.

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