

Friends: hello! I just wanted to address the fact—which you may or may not have heard already—that our fall coproduction of Kander and Ebb’s *Cabaret* has, as of this past week, been moved one full year into the future. I’m really sorry if you’re bummed out about this (and I especially apologize to rising seniors). I am really bummed, too. I hate when it feels like things fade into the ether without explanation or answer, so I just wanted you to hear this from me—the project is still on, just not this fall—and hear a bit of why the team and I felt this was the best course of action.

There are a lot of factors at play—but basically, a large-cast musical like *Cabaret* is very, very difficult, likely impossible, to put on in any satisfying sense next year. What’s especially complicated about our specific choice is that, at its core, *Cabaret* relies on immersive audience interaction—actors (not to mention actors and audience) being, like, often really close together. After a lot of thought, it felt and feels wrong, and quite deaf to the piece, to just proceed sort of blindly and do a half-realized version, however well-intentioned that might be.

I am really sorry because I know that pushing this project is to take away one something joyful, the rare joyful respite of getting to do theatre, in a strange year-to-come when we’ll definitely need things like that. I’m really sorry. Feel free to get in touch with me if you’d like to chat further about this decision, the fall 2021 coproduction, or anything else related. I’m here to support you!

Finally—the very good news is—there are some really brilliant fall projects being actively planned by Nomadic and TPST in light of this one being pushed back. And it is a very good thing to have new and brilliant voices in the director-storyteller chair. So, while this is a huge bummer, I hope and I know that just about nothing is lost in terms of what theatre at Georgetown will have to offer you and us, from our homes or on campus (oR iN hOtELs), in a few short months.