

## **For Immediate Release**

## Young People's Theatre Cancels Remainder of 2019.20 Season Due to COVID-19 Health & Safety Concerns

**Toronto, ON, March 13, 2020** — Young People's Theatre (YPT) announced today that it is cancelling the remainder of its 2019.20 season due to growing global concern around the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

## This includes:

- March Break Drama Camp (Mar. 16 20)
- All remaining performances of Jungle Book (Mar. 14 21).
- All performances of Jack and the Magic Bean (Apr. 14 May 10, Presentation House Theatre, Vancouver)
- All performances of *CARTOGRAPHY* (May 5 14, ArKtype/Thomas O. Kriegsmann, New York).
- Baby Drama Time (Mar. 24 Apr. 21)
- Please note: Drama School's Spring term will begin a week later, on Apr. 18.

"With the rapid changes happening all around us, including the recent announcement of school closures through April 5, YPT has made the difficult decision to cancel the remainder of our season," said Executive Director Nancy Webster. "The health and safety of our patrons, artists, staff and volunteers is of paramount importance."

All ticket buyers/registrants who have not already been contacted by YPT, please contact the Box Office at **416.862.2222 x2** or <a href="mailto:yptboxoffice@youngpeoplestheatre.org">yptboxoffice@youngpeoplestheatre.org</a>.

## **About Young People's Theatre**

Young People's Theatre (YPT) is North America's oldest – and Canada's largest – professional producer and presenter of theatre for young audiences. Over the past 54 years, YPT has staged many of the most important plays that form the canon of work for youth in our country. YPT continues to develop new work and create partnerships with theatre companies across the country and around the world. The enriched learning experiences of YPT's Education & Participation Department provide young people with opportunities to develop their whole being. Through Drama School programs in four locations throughout the city, workshops in community shelters and agencies, educational initiatives in Toronto classrooms, and training and apprenticeship opportunities, we place learning at the centre of everything we do. Visit youngpeoplestheatre.org to learn more.

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