



**WIZARD OF OZ - COVID CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENT - APRIL 1, 2020  
BE THEATRE AND BALLET SAN ANGELO**

A statement from Be Theatre artistic Director Elena Kent, and Ballet San Angelo Artistic Director, Erin Lane.

“After spring break, we suspended rehearsals of our production following the CDC recommendation to social distance. As the situation continues to develop, we are now under the executive order for our city to close public recreation areas including theaters, as well as continuing the rule of ‘no gatherings of more than 10.’ With that, we are officially making the heart-breaking announcement that we are canceling the upcoming production of *Wizard of Oz*, set to take the stage April 24-26 at the Murphey Performance Hall. Please see below for refund information, including an option to donate.

*Wizard of Oz* is a unique collaboration between two artistic organizations. We feel an intense and deep sense of loss over this fully designed and planned production that will not be enjoyed by our community. Postponement is not a viable option for us due to the size of the cast and crew, as well as the uncertainty of our organization’s recovery period.

The artistic vision and intended message for *Wizard of Oz* was, “Knowledge, Courage, Heart.” We take comfort knowing we are honoring all three of these words so beautifully woven into the story by author, Frank L. Baum.

We are so appreciative of the time and heart our cast and crew put into this production. We are forever grateful for your spirit and support.

To our patrons and families, thank you for your support, patience and grace during this very difficult time.”

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**\*REFUNDS**

*We will be making arrangements with San Angelo PAC to process refunds for those who have already purchased tickets, as well as the choice to forgo a refund as a donation to Ballet San Angelo and Be Theatre through this financially difficult time for each organization. Covid -19 has caused an immediate and unexpected loss of revenue for the performing arts community, and we appreciate anyone who is able to donate their ticket purchase back to our organizations in a show of support. To receive a refund, or request your purchase be donated back to Be Theatre or Ballet San Angelo, please call SAPAC at 325-284-3825.*