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Show will not go on this summer in Cape May

Unit health concerns must be addressed before actors return to stage

Welcome to the Coast Guard

A recruit from forming company Sierra 198 is greeted by her company commander during a ceremony May 28 at U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Cape May. May 2-198 is the fourth company to complete the four-phase plan, but the cohort will not be entering the stage. It means the production is a longstanding mantra of the stage. Performing at the theater, where stories abound no matter what happens. It means the production is a question theaters are trying to answer amid the pandemic. But how can the show go on when both the actors and the audience are practicing social distancing and taking other precautions to help stop the spread of COVID-19? That's the question Cape May Players, along with the Actors Equity Association, is asking amid the pandemic. Performance of high school musicals to Broadway and everywhere in between have been affected. In Cape May, that involves Cape May Stage and East Lynne Theater Company, both of which are part of the Actors Equity Association.

The union announced last week that in most productions, it would not go forward until four basic parameters were met, meaning the show will not play in an open-air or indoor theater. Both companies — Roy Sturband of Cape May Stage and Guyle Stahlhuth of East Lynne — have been scrambling for months to arrange productions, only to have their plans dismantled, delayed and ultimately destroyed.

"All I seem to do is plan, only to lose the occasion," said Stahlhuth.

The May 30 show planned to open in the season May 30 could not go forward due to state guidelines prohibiting social distancing. The theater company has decided to shut down, noting that the small cast and put to bed July 22 below without a lot of coating put together a cast, rehearse and stage openings for a Hopeful Opening for a September season.

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Murphy slowly reopening shuttered state economy

Gov. Phil Murphy con-tinues to slowly reopen the New Jersey economy. That means another two weeks of staying at home. On Monday, June 1, the governor said nonessential retail businesses can start to reopen, and the pool is open.

At Monday's press conference Monday, the governor allowed the retailers to be opened, but only with curbside pickup. Also on June 17, resto-ruants can start serving cus-tomers at outdoor seating, but not indoors.

"The time for openness is now," Murphy said on June 22, the state will allow limited hour voluntary and barrier reopening and open for outdoor services and health clubs can return to open at reduced capacity. All of that is part of getting into phase two of the governor's plan to safely reopen.

"In the beginning, it will mean small businesses will have to wait another two weeks to let customers inside the stores. Restau-

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Cape May Point spot residents pay over-ornament complaint

By JACK FICHTER Cape May Star and Wave

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