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## 'Singin' in the Rain' to Open July 21 with Added Performances

WHAT: New Trollwood Mainstage Musical Performance Dates

**WHEN:** July 21-23, 25-29

WHERE: Bluestem Center for the Arts, 801 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Moorhead

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Trollwood Performing Arts School regrets to announce that due to the extensive damage caused by Thursday's thunderstorm, our production of *Singin' in the Rain* will undergo a necessary rebuild. The show will now open on Friday, July 21, with additional performances scheduled for Sunday, July 23, and Tuesday, July 25. Unfortunately, all previously scheduled performances from July 13 to July 20 have been canceled. Performance dates are now July 21-23, and July 25-29.

Following the storm, our dedicated Mainstage Musical production team, comprised of highly skilled theater technicians, promptly assessed the damage to the stage and set. The severity of the destruction necessitates a comprehensive rebuild plan, which is currently underway. Despite the significant damage to the set's foundation, our technicians are working diligently to reconstruct it in time for the new opening date.

The scenic build process began last summer, and the full team has been wholeheartedly engaged in construction since May of this year. Our unwavering commitment is to ensure that our students can showcase their talent and dedication to the community. After the postponement of *Singin'* in the Rain in 2022, our student-performers have eagerly awaited their return to our stage, and we are determined to provide them with the full opportunity they deserve.

The outpouring of support from the local community has been overwhelming during this challenging time. We deeply appreciate the kind words, sympathy, and offers of assistance we have received. The unwavering support of the Fargo-Moorhead community has truly reaffirmed the strength and unity that exist within our region. Your response during our time of need has provided a ray of sunshine and hope to our entire team as we strive to bring *Singin'* in the *Rain* back to the stage.

For all audience members holding tickets to the canceled performances, the Trollwood box office will personally reach out to facilitate rebooking for alternative show nights. Displaced ticketholders will receive the highest priority for tickets to the newly added performances, including the exclusive opportunity to select seats before they become available to the general public. Tickets for the added performance dates will go on sale no later than Tuesday, July 18, as the box office ensures individual arrangements with each affected ticketholder.

We have a number of volunteer opportunities available to participate in the rebuild efforts and to assist throughout the production process. To learn more about these critical volunteer needs, please sign-up at the following link: <a href="https://linktr.ee/Trollwood.Volunteers">https://linktr.ee/Trollwood.Volunteers</a>

ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND. Trollwood Performing Arts School, a program of Fargo Public Schools, is a unique youth development organization committed to providing high quality performing arts education, exceptional community entertainment, and activities that promote appreciation for cultural diversity. The mission is to inspire those we serve through the arts to realize their full potential and be a positive influence in the global community. Trollwood and the Bluestem Center for the Arts is an exciting collaboration between Fargo Public Schools and the City of Moorhead, serving as a testament to our region's commitment to the arts. The center opened in 2009 thanks to the generous support of the entire community.