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**FST ANNOUNCES CANCELLATION OF  
*AMERICA IN ONE ROOM* PERFORMANCES**

(Sarasota, FL) — **Florida Studio Theatre** (FST) announces today that it is suspending performances of its Mainstage production, ***America in One Room***, scheduled for Tuesday, January 11 through Friday, January 14 due to positive COVID tests in the company detected through the theatre’s regular testing surveillance. This decision is made in compliance with FST’s safety protocols. No other FST productions will be impacted by these suspended performances. The theatre plans to resume performances of this production on Saturday, January 15. Ticket holders for these specific performances will be contacted by FST’s Box Office to reschedule.

“Our predominant concern has always been and will always be the health and safety of our artists, audience, staff, and volunteers,” said **Richard Hopkins**, FST’s Producing Artistic Director. “As disappointed as we are about having to postpone these performances, we know that it is the right decision.”

This announcement comes as Sarasota County and the state of Florida are steadily reporting increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases, many due to the highly contagious Omicron variant.

The most up-to-date list of safety measures FST is taking can be found at [FloridaStudioTheatre.org](http://FloridaStudioTheatre.org).

**ABOUT FLORIDA STUDIO THEATRE**

Florida Studio Theatre (FST) is Sarasota’s contemporary theatre. Founded in 1973, FST has grown to a village of five theatres located in the heart of Downtown, Sarasota. Each theatre is small in size and large in impact—providing intimate and engaging settings for high-quality, professional performances.

Today, FST has established itself as a major force in American Theatre. FST is the largest subscription theatre in the state of Florida and among the largest in the country, serving more than 230,000 live attendees each year across its diverse programs: Mainstage, Cabaret, Stage III, Children’s Theatre, The FST School, New Play Development, and FST Improv.

Even with its growth, Florida Studio Theatre remains firmly committed to making the arts accessible and affordable to as many people as possible. Under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Richard Hopkins, FST develops theatre that speaks to our living, evolving, and dynamically changing world. Hip and historical, entertaining and challenging, we are the theatre where the street meets the elite — where everyone is welcome to engage in the art of theatre.

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