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Cancellation of Edinburgh Easter productions

It is with sadness that, due the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we must announce the cancellation of The Edinburgh Easter Play and the city-wide weekend-long project The Edinburgh Passion.

Suzanne Lofthus, director of Cutting Edge Theatre, the company behind the The Edinburgh Passion, said: “We are gutted not to be able to stage this amazing production, and would like to thank everyone who has been part of it over the last three years. However, the health and safety of our participants and audience is our top priority.

“Cutting Edge Theatre believes that the process is as important as the end product and we have seen and heard of wonderful ways this project has already brought the city together.

“The website is still running and will have new content over Easter weekend. We will be putting up reflections every hour to invite people to connect with the Easter story. We aim to be back in 2021 - watch this space!”

Mike Frew, chairman of the Princes Street Easter Play Trust, said: “It is with great regret that the Trustees of the Princes Street Easter Play make it known that we are unable to perform this year’s play on Saturday 11 April.

“The safety and good health of the public, cast and crew is our priority and we had to make this decision in the light of firm advice from the Government even before the City of Edinburgh Council took the decision to cancel all events in its parks during March and April.

“We regard this as a postponement and hope to produce and perform plays in future years, continuing to fulfil our aim to witness to Christ and the Easter story in the heart of the city. We ask people to remember the message of Resurrection, that there is no situation in which there is no hope.”

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