

# **LOCAL TALENT SHOWCASED IN STREAMED BRAVE HEARTS FOR BROADWAY VIRTUAL SHOW BENEFITTING THE ACTORS FUND**

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**BRAVE HEARTS FOR BROADWAY  
TO STREAM**

**“LET US ENTERTAIN YOU”**

**VIDEO PERFORMANCE BY FRONTLINE AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS**

**FEATURING LOCAL TALENT WITH CAMEOS BY**

**ANNALEIGH ASHFORD, ANN HARADA, ANNETTE BENING, BEBE  
NEUWIRTH, BERNADETTE PETERS, BRIAN STOKES MITCHELL, CHITA  
RIVERA, HARVEY FIERSTEIN, JESSIE MUELLER, LAURIE METCALF, LEA  
SALONGA, MEGAN HILTY, BILLY PORTER AND MORE**

**BENEFITTING THE ACTORS FUND**

**ON SEPTEMBER 23 at 7:00 PM ET at [Playbill.com](https://www.playbill.com)**

New York, NY (September 1, 2020) – **The Actors Fund**, the national human services organization that provides a safety net for performing arts and entertainment professionals, and **Brave Hearts for Broadway** present *Let Us Entertain You*, a very special video event that will bring together a performance from frontline and essential workers to support The Fund, give back to the theater industry and celebrate the performing arts. This unforgettable event will be available to stream on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00pm ET on [Playbill.com](https://www.playbill.com). It will be free to watch with donations encouraged at [www.actorsfund.org/BraveHearts](https://www.actorsfund.org/BraveHearts). Watch the trailer [here](#).

**Michael E. Merritt**, a registered nurse, playwright and producer, united over 120 people from 11 different countries to support and uplift theater professionals across the globe by organizing “The Frontline Choir and Friends,” a company made up of frontline workers, a

dance group and theater professionals. “The Frontline Choir” will sing and dance to original songs written especially for this event by **Matt Cusson, Terron Brooks, Elisa Nicholas** and **Andrew David Sotomayor**. The event is choreographed by **Kathleen Brazie** and **John Scott**. All donations will go directly to The Actors Fund.

In addition to the Frontline workers and theater professionals, the video will feature cameos from Broadway and Hollywood stars thanking the frontline workers for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, including **Jelani Alladin, Annaleigh Ashford, Shoshana Bean, Annette Bening, Alexandra Billings, Jim Caruso, Kristin Chenoweth, Harvey Fierstein, Mandy Gonzalez, Ann Harada, Ruthie Henshall, Judy Kuhn, Linda Lavin, Andrea Martin, Laurie Metcalf, Jessie Mueller, Bebe Neuwirth, Bernadette Peters, Conrad Ricamora, Chita Rivera, Lea Salonga, Stephen Schwartz, Brian Stokes Mitchell and Allyson Tucker**, with special performances by **Billy Porter, Megan Hilty and Brian Gallagher, Lorna Luft, Leap of Dance Academy, Najeeb Sabour, Winnie Churchill and many more.**

#### ABOUT BRAVE HEARTS FOR BROADWAY

**Brave Hearts for Broadway**, in support of The Actors Fund, is an organization focused on uniting healthcare workers to help meet the urgent needs of theater workers affected by COVID-19. For more information, please visit [www.braveheartsforbroadway.org](http://www.braveheartsforbroadway.org)

#### ABOUT THE ACTORS FUND

**The Actors Fund** is a national human services organization that fosters stability and resiliency and provides a safety net for performing arts and entertainment professionals over their lifespan. Through offices in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, The Fund serves everyone in film, theater, television, music, opera, radio and dance with programs including social services and emergency financial assistance, health care and insurance counseling, housing, and secondary employment and training services. Visit [www.actorsfund.org](http://www.actorsfund.org).

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