



A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER JOHN HORGAN

As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, it is my great pleasure to welcome everyone attending the 12th annual SKAMpede Festival in Victoria.

For 25 years, Theatre SKAM has lent its distinct, innovative character to the Victoria theatre community, bringing drama and delight to audiences throughout the region. British Columbians are proud to live in a province that celebrates creativity through a diverse array of attractions each year, and the classes, accessibility options, and original works presented annually by SKAM are an important part of our shared culture. This year's summer arts scene has been looking quite different, with many events deferred or moved online due to COVID-19, but SKAMpede's open-air format, catering to small, intimate groups, is a wonderful example of how to stay safe while ensuring that the show can and will go on.

The opportunity to connect through live, in-person performances has a profoundly positive impact for people in our communities, especially in challenging times, and I commend the Theatre SKAM production team and artists for persevering to provide physically distanced all-ages fun, free of charge.

Please accept my best wishes for an inspiring thespian-filled tour of the beautiful Galloping Goose Trail. Enjoy the shows!


HONOURABLE JOHN HORGAN
PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA