

'The show must go on': Broadway actors perform on the sidewalk amid NYC blackout

<p>Notes & Cues:</p>	<p>Article:</p> <p>Sitting in the dressing room, Astrid Van Wieren, who plays Beulah in the musical "Come From Away, " was getting ready for the Saturday evening performance when her makeup lights suddenly flicked off.</p> <p>It wasn't a fluke. Electricity was cutting out at theaters around the west side of Manhattan after a blackout struck New York on Saturday night.</p> <p>The power outage stranded subway passengers and shut out the lights in Times Square. On Broadway, the blackout occurred about an hour before many of the shows were set to begin, eventually leading to the cancellation of 26 of the 30 shows scheduled to run Saturday evening.</p> <p>Sitting in the audience seats, the cast members of "Come From Away" were jovial as they waited to hear the decision. A fiddle player suggested that the band go outside to play. Van Wieren rallied her cast mates to go perform the opening number.</p> <p>Performers from other canceled Saturday night shows across the city also played music and sang on the sidewalks.</p> <p>Charlotte St. Martin, president of the Broadway League, said she was proud of the casts and that among performers, "there is a real mentality that the show must go on."</p>
<p>Summary:</p>	