## \*\*FEDERAL GOVERNMENT\*\* \*\*SHUT-DOWN ALERT\*\*



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The Rockaway Theatre Company is delighted to present our final three presentations of the hilarious comedy, *Boeing Boeing*. The show has played to packed houses for the last two weekends and our cast and crew have geared up their energy to make the closing weekend the best one yet. We encourage anyone who has not yet seen this delightful French farce about a young American Ex-Pat living his fantasy of "Flying the friendly skies" in his apartment in Paris, to call our hotline (718-374-6400) or go to our website, (<a href="www.rockawaytheatrecompany.org">www.rockawaytheatrecompany.org</a>) and reserve your seats before these three final performances are sold out.

However, we must inform the public that our theater is located on Fort Tilden, which is a National Park under the auspices of our landlord, The US National Park Service. As you may be aware, due to the current shut down of the federal government, Fort Tilden is now closed to the public. At the present time, our stage is not accessible to anyone, not even our cast or directors. We are hopeful that the problems leading to the shut down of the Federal Government will be resolved in some way before the weekend and that it will be business as usual at all national parks and monuments.

In the event that Congress is unable to come to a resolution prior to the weekend, we will, obviously, be forced to suspend all of our activities at the Post Theater. This would mean that we would be forced to cancel all three final performances of *Boeing Boeing*. In addition, our Saturday morning Young People's Theater Workshops would also be suspended until the park is reopened.

We sincerely hope that the closing of the federal government will be a very temporary situation. If it is prolonged, it would have devastating repercussions for the RTC as well as for the nation. We urge our theater patrons and our workshop students to please check the news before heading to the theater to see a performance or take a class. If the government is open for business as usual, the show will go on. With this stipulation in mind, we encourage you to continue to make reservations for the weekend's performances.

Sincerely, Rockaway Theatre Company Executive Board of Directors