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Bygone Theatre Partner Youth Climate Report Honoured at United Nations SDG Awards

Bygone's Sustainability Plan to be Featured in Video at Awards Ceremony on Friday March 26th, 2021

TORONTO, ONTARIO (Monday March 1, 2021): Every year the SDG Action Awards honour initiatives that have helped to further the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal Action Plan (SDG Action Plan). Initiatives are judged based on their impact, approach and scalability, with shortlisted candidates and winners being representative of the sectoral and regional diversity within the pool of applicants. Entries must be a good fit for one of the three UN SDG Action Award categories; Mobilize, Inspire or Connect. This year, the Youth Climate Report (YCR), headed by YCR Executive Director and Bygone Theatre President, Dr. Mark Terry, has won an Honourable Mention, one of only 13 award winners this year out of more than 1,000 nominated projects. The YCR is being recognized online on Friday March 26 at 12:30pm EST.

The Youth Climate Report works to mobilize young people across the world to report on climate research, impact and solutions within their communities, using the power of film. Bygone Theatre has been an **official sponsor** of the YCR for the past year, as part of our recently developed **Sustainability Mandate**. As a sponsor, we are fortunate to have the chance to share our sustainability plan with the estimated 20,000 viewers of the SDG Action Awards which are a part of the **SDG Global Festival of Action, running March 25-26, 2021**.

The UN SDGs announced in 2015 are meant to "shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path" by stimulating action in areas of critical importance: people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership. This UN initiative resolves to, by 2030, "end poverty and hunger everywhere; to combat inequalities within and among countries; to build peaceful, just, and inclusive societies; to protect human rights and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls; and, to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources". **These resolutions are distilled into 17 goals, all of which Bygone Theatre has committed to following**. Our Sustainability Mandate, viewable on our website, outlines past, current and future commitments and helps to show that a commitment to sustainability is something achievable for all. **As the first theatre company to publicly commit to all 17 of these goals, we hope to become a leader in sustainability in our community and show that no action is too small.**

A brief video outlining our commitment to sustainability will be shown along with twelve other short documentaries as part of the Youth Climate Report spotlight being aired Friday March 26, 12:30pm EST; the event is free, but registration is required. A free digital Sustainability in Theatre workshop, led by Bygone Theatre, will be announced in the coming month.

For more information, and to register to watch the awards, visit globalfestivalofaction.org. Visit bygonetheatre.com/sustainability to see our commitment to the SDGs and visit youthclimatereport.org to learn more about the Youth Climate Report.