



IMPORTANT MESSAGE
The Fine Arts Association COVID-19 Update
March 20, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

“Thank you for your continuing support and participation in experiencing the arts at The Fine Arts Association. The current pandemic has affected us all in profound ways and FAA is working quickly to adjust to the current reality. Through it all, our goal remains to provide you with the best arts programming we can while remaining true to our values while supporting our community during this difficult time. The arts play a critical role in relieving stress, promoting mental health, and enriching our lives in so many ways. If there ever was a time when the arts were critically important, it is now.

As an organization whose goal it is to foster creativity and artistic expression, our staff and faculty have taken on the challenge and quickly constructed a new platform for instruction and experiential learning. We hope that these efforts not only help fill the gap now but provide opportunities for augmented instruction in the future.” - CEO, Paul Holm

Below is a brief update in our progress to date.

Education Updates:

- We’ve been working diligently over the last few days with our incredible faculty to **move our programming fully online until we can get back to in person instruction.**
- While online arts education can never replace what happens in our studios and classrooms, we think you will be pleasantly surprised by what we have!
- Each education program area will look a little different. Our programming should resume by next week.
- Most current students have heard from their instructors already. Those who haven’t yet heard, will in the coming days from either the instructor or an education team member.
- As we move through this time, please share your experiences on social media using the hashtag **#AllTheArtsAtHome.**
- While we are unable to share our Fine Art in the same physical space, there’s nothing stopping us from doing so virtually!



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Development Updates:

- Please **tentatively** mark your calendars for **Thursday June 25, 2020 as the rescheduled date for The Fine Arts Association's Annual Gala 2020.**
 - However, as the health climate has not yet been remedied, we will reconsider our plan again in late May. We will send out invites then with the June 25th date or push the event to a later date if needed.
 - As the funds raised through this benefit help support operations during the current fiscal year, any reservations or table sponsorships received now would be very helpful to our operations during this time.
- If you know that you will be attending our event no matter the date of the event or if you simply want to support FAA at this time, **please consider reserving your seat now or making a donation. To do so, please email ythomas@fineartsassociation.org**

Performance Updates:

- We are closely monitoring the current climate and will make decisions on our upcoming performances as this situation progresses.
- *Chicago* cast members will continue to prepare for the upcoming show by utilizing choreography videos from home!