Dear Student Artists, Donors, and Patrons:

I hope that you are well and safe from the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of this world-wide development, the Armory Art Center has suspended all face-to-face classes and events. However, our more popular classes for adults and youth have been moved to an online format, including Summer Art Experience. We do hope to resume full operations as soon as it is safe for everyone to return to the Armory for in-person events. We will consider the well-being, safety, and health of the Armory family a top priority.

We know the important place the Art Center holds in many lives. Suspending classes and closing the facility was a difficult but necessary decision. We do plan on returning to a more vibrant art school with new and expanded offerings that we hope will continue to motivate and inspire our artistic community.

The suspension of classes has resulted in a major loss of income for a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We have chosen, like many other non-profits, to suspend and postpone classes rather than cancel them. Vouchers and credits for future class sessions within the next year will be applied to the accounts of those affected. If you do not plan on using the voucher, please consider donating the value back to the Armory in support of our mission as a tax-deductible contribution. Most people are unaware of the advance work and expense (marketing, catalogue, print material, website maintenance, and staff time) that is involved to set up classes prior to the first day of class. This was the case when classes were suspended.

I hope that you have had an opportunity to take advantage of our new online classes. The popularity continues to increase. We will be offering sketch class online as well as Summer Art Experience for juniors and teens. Additionally, this summer we will be offering for the first time a once-a-week Kinder class (art and story time) for kindergarten age children.

We at the Armory are operating with a skeleton staff at the present time. We are looking forward to the very near future to be back and running a full operation, once we are given permission to do so. But, during this time we are using this opportunity to review our programs and make changes and improvements so that we may serve you better in the future.

When we are allowed to open we will be following all CDC and local health department directives. We want to begin creating on our campus once again, however it must be done in a safe manner.

Many thanks to all of you for your kind words, your help, and your understanding during this unprecedented period. We value our Armory family and ask that you continue to stay safe and return back to campus as early as possible once we are allowed to re-open.

Please continue to check our website and updates through our weekly email blasts for new online offerings as we recreate our classes.

Thank you for staying tuned to the Armory Art Center as we move forward together.

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