

Dear ROYAL Theatre family and supporters,

We miss you all so much! We hope this message finds you doing well. The times we're in seem filled with uncertainty and stress, so we hope that despite all of this, you are able to enjoy some extra time with your families. This is the time for all of us to rally around each other, albeit we may "rally" virtually instead of in person, but we're able to support each other nonetheless.

We've been struggling with how to proceed with the show with everything that's been going on with the coronavirus. With the daily changes in the size and scope of gatherings that are allowed, it creates a tough situation for us and our theatre to venture into the unknown and hope that we're making the best decisions for the health and well-being of everyone involved.

At this point, there are more unknowns than knowns, but the CDC has recommended that no groups of 50 convene through at least May 10. It seems we're on a trajectory for a much longer-term ban on group gatherings than we had hoped. It truly breaks our hearts to make this decision, but we feel that the most responsible decision is to cancel the show. We've consulted with the ROYAL board, and although we're all devastated by this, they agree that it's an unfortunate decision we need to make to ensure the safety and well-being of our entire ROYAL family and audience members.

We wish things were different. We wish our community, as well as our country and other countries, didn't have to deal with the coronavirus pandemic. It's hard on all of us. One thing we do know is that the ROYAL family cares for one another and our community, and we are resilient! We will get through this time together. Let's all stay connected and support each other through phone calls, email, texts, social media, group chats, and any other sources that help us to be there for each other.

Take care and stay safe,

Karen, Dirk, and the ROYAL Board of Directors