

TheatreWorks

SILICON VALLEY

To the TheatreWorks Family and Community,

TheatreWorks has, since inception, had at its very core a belief in the shared humanity of all the world's citizens from every race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, and ability. The recent brutal murders of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Breonna Taylor in Louisville, and Ahmaud Arbery in Southern Georgia point to an ongoing disease, a virus, a pandemic of racism and discrimination that has plagued America for over 400 years.

We are devastated about the senseless violence that has broken the hearts and trust in justice of so many of our fellow citizens. As an arts organization we stand firm in our resolve to continue to tell the stories of those whose voices are too often silenced. We hope and believe that the theatre we produce and the resulting democratic dialogue we engender can be an essential component in our society's ability to one day achieve justice and equality for all. We believe that Black Lives Matter and that we must as a nation work together to dismantle structural racism that dehumanizes and destroys the Black body.

In this moment of national anguish and profound unrest we have decided to **temporarily suspend our online programming** for a period of reflection and out of respect for the gravity of these concerns. The upcoming online reading of *Pandora*, by Laurel Ollstein, will be rescheduled at a time to be announced at a future date.

We are committed to making theatre that celebrates the human spirit and builds bridges between communities and individuals from diverse backgrounds. We recommit our theatre to seek ways to connect and engage more deeply with communities of color in and around the Bay Area. We stand in solidarity with our Black artists, staff members, board members, audiences, donors, and volunteers. We encourage you, our community, to seek ways you can contribute to making the world a more equitable place for us all. Below are some resources we would like to share.

May we all someday be able to equally celebrate the human spirit in harmony and peace.

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