

Even as much of what we know is disrupted, summer is upon us. As I ride my bike along Monroe Street on the way to the theatre, the grass is greener than it was a few weeks ago, and the trees and flowers are in bloom.

But as I arrive to the doors of the theatre, they remain locked. It is eerily quiet. This is the time when we would normally be welcoming kids to our Summer Theatre Arts Camp and holding daily rehearsals for our summer musical. We would have just completed a beautiful spring performance for our dance academy. Your presence is missed, a reminder of both these challenging times and how critical you are to the life of our theatre.

March 12 was the day our routine was forever changed. Now three months later, if there is something that all of us have learned, it is that unpredictability is our new normal. Given the erratic nature of the virus, our plans may need to be amended as we go along. Our creative and administrative team spend a lot of time considering multiple scenarios and appropriate solutions. Many options are on the table, and we come up with new ideas every day. Rest assured, we have an exciting **2020-2021 marquee season** in place and the shows will go on somehow. We are still in discussions regarding Summer Theatre Arts Camp and other learning opportunities that will be announced shortly. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, we have created some new opportunities for streams of revenue. Visit our website to see our newly created online store where you can purchase RRCA merchandise. Rent our marquee for your new graduate or for that special birthday, or to advertise your business. Buy a gift certificate for music & dance classes, or for a future concert.

We know it will not be long before our students' laughter will once again echo in the dance studio halls, volunteers will be bustling up and down the aisles, dancers gracing our stage, and music coming from our studios. The work of the RRCA, less visible perhaps, continues in preparation for this return. We will get through this unexpected and unusual time- together but apart.