“Theatre magic is that thing that you cannot touch that links us all together.” Carol Ann Wohlmut, Resident Artist

Dear Friends,

Yesterday, Artists Rep made the difficult decision to cancel our 2020 gala scheduled for Saturday, March 14 based on Governor Kate Brown’s recommendations to suspend all large gatherings. Due to the financial repercussions and short notice, we did not make this decision lightly, but events are changing rapidly, and our first priority is to keep you and our family of staff and artists safe and healthy.

COVID-19 is also having a devastating effect on cultural organizations across the country: many are dealing with cancellations of performances and major events while also rapidly reorganizing internal processes to protect the health of staff and artists. Artists Rep is no different, and we need your help.

The theme of this year’s gala was “The Magic of Theatre,” and the need for magic is more evident now than ever. We are grateful for the response we’ve received from our community so far to help us recover the significant losses from the gala that we can’t recoup, as well as meet the fundraising goals we had. The gala is our major fundraising event each year, so in the spirit of “the show must go on,” our goal is to raise $150,000 by Saturday through a virtual gala paddle-raise.

The Schnitzer CARE Foundation has provided a challenge gift, joining us to ask you to support ART: gifts of $250 or more will be matched up to $10,000. Raise your virtual paddle high and proud.

“I believe that storytelling is the most powerful tool we have to make this life better.” John San Nicolas, Resident Artist

Carol Ann Wohlmut, John San Nicolas, and Jonathan Cole, all valued collaborators and Resident Artists at ART, talked to us about how Artists Rep has made a difference in their lives
in the video above that we planned to feature at the gala. We hope you’ll join them in creating and supporting this work.

Please consider making a meaningful gift today to help Artists Rep through uncertain times. A gift of any amount helps us continue supporting artists and creating powerful, provocative art. You can give online here, or by contacting Annual Fund Manager Nel Taylor at 503.241.9807 x168.

From everyone at Artists Rep: thank you for helping us create the magic of theatre together.

Sincerely,

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