



Dear families and performers from *Matilda*:

First and foremost, we hope you are all safe and well during this unsettling time. We miss seeing you all at the Opera House and truly hope that everyone can come together soon to continue to produce the magic that we do on that historic stage together.

Unfortunately, we found out recently that we will not be able to come back together within this current school year, so that means our original plan to resume our show and perform at the end of June cannot happen at this time. We are now forced to move to our follow up plan which is to resume rehearsals in August and perform September 17- 20 as a start of the new school year performance!! The hope would be that we would be able to maintain most of our cast (hopefully all) and bring everyone back together. Since all of our students have had the materials, we are hoping they have been practicing and will come back with songs memorized, and lines as well, so we can quickly put the show back together. We had luckily choreographed everything except two songs- so please practice those that are done and come back with them learned so we don't have to waste too much time on the dances that are done.

We will create a very detailed schedule that resumes rehearsals on T, TH and Sundays (as always) beginning at 5 pm (on T and TH) and 3 pm on Sundays, and running to various times depending on ages and roles. At this time, we're just trying to update families and see if there are cast members that will not be able to continue with us so we can make adjustments. Please, if you are NOT able to continue the show, reach out to Mrs. Finley or Miss Gilbert and let them know. We truly hope that everyone can stay, but certainly understand if you cannot. If you bought a t-shirt, we will still make sure you get yours as you are still considered a part of our production!

We are still moving forward with our plans for FACT (Franklin Area Children's Theater) and our two camps this summer. FACT 1 is a fun comedic piece called, "Get Up And Go" and FACT 2 in August is *Moana Jr!!* All camp registrations are up on the Opera House website and children can register at any time if they would like to participate in those opportunities this summer. Also, this fall, our community theater group has auditions for the Opera House's annual Christmas show and this year it is *ELF the Musical!!* Based on the popular Will Farrell movie! It's a HUGE musical and has opportunities for MANY children!! So if kids are interested, they are welcome to get involved in that as well!!

This solution is to ensure that all of the work our kids have already put in is not lost. We also have a financial investment in this show already with costuming, printing costs, musician fees, licensing fees and more that we have to try to compensate with ticket costs, so we are trying to make sure that we can off-set what we've already invested.

Thank you all for your continued support of your children and the Arts in Franklin!!! If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out. We cannot wait to meet with the kids again and begin our work once we are able!

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Please stay safe!!! Our Production Team