

A LETTER FROM ARTSPACE PRESIDENT KELLEY LINDQUIST ON COVID-19

Dear Artspace Friends and Supporters,

What a challenging time for all of us! My heart goes out to all of our Artspace partners and friends across the country and around the world, as we navigate the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) on every aspect of our daily lives. Although we may be having different regional and local experiences as we follow state and city guidelines to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe, I've deeply felt the importance of remaining in close contact (virtually) with friends, family, and loved ones no matter how far away they may be. I found this to be a true comfort during this time of crossing uncharted waters.

Each day we are learning more about COVID-19 and how it is impacting the communities where we live and work. As this challenge evolves, Artspace continues to monitor and adhere to guidelines from the World Health Organization (WHO), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and State and City officials.

Artspace continues to be deeply committed to our work serving creative communities across the country while keeping the safety of our staff, residents, commercial tenants, and patrons as our highest priority. The information below highlights the changes we have implemented for the next two weeks to advance our work in these challenging times:

ARTSPACE STAFF

Artspace staff is working remotely and suspending all airline travel for at least the next two weeks. Whether you are connected to Artspace through our Properties Division, Consulting Department, or National Advancement Department, the Artspace board and staff continue to focus on supporting the mission of our organization. Staff will be accessible during regular business hours, for virtual, scheduled meetings and can be reached via phone or email. Many of our departments are hosting community meetings online.

OUR COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Our buildings and communities across the country are managed by our Asset Management Team. Artspace Asset Managers are working in partnership with local property management companies to keep our residents and their families updated on the latest safety procedures and are encouraging all residents and tenants to follow recommended practices.

ARTSPACE VENUES

Artspace venues are managed by Artspace's wholly-owned Performance Property Management Company. These venues include The Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts,

the Northrup King Building, and the performance and public activity space in El Barrio's Artspace PS109 in New York City. These spaces remain open. However, we have postponed all immediate public events and are following federal, state, and city guidelines. We will continue to monitor these buildings for safety and security concerns. For updates, visit www.thecowlescenter.org or www.northrupkingbuilding.com. Organizations housed in our buildings throughout the country are informing their patrons of their individual plans to adjust to national guidelines as well.

While the full impact of this unprecedented challenge is still unknown, we've found ourselves turning to the arts for inspiration during this challenging time. Perhaps you have too. I've been amazed at the ways artists, arts organizations, and organizations that support the creative sector have pivoted their resources to become an immediate resource to one another, and together they have created a place of compassion and hope. Indeed, working creatively has always been an effective way to bring people in the community together during challenging times in the past as well. I am grateful to live in a world where creativity, connection, and community can still exist as we collectively tackle the ongoing challenge of COVID-19 while social distancing and following important guidelines.

I feel that another difficult aspect of the coronavirus's impact is that we really don't know what new information will transpire from day to day. I am hoping that you all seek comfort in talking with your friends and family (however you define family) and keep updated with the latest information from reliable sources.

I also gently encourage all of you to consider the individual artists and arts organizations across the country (especially the smaller ones) that have impacted your lives and give support where you are able, as we move through this uncharted territory together.

Be well,



Kelley Lindquist, Artspace President