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Trollwood supporters,

It has been a historic year for Trollwood Performing Arts School. I have said those words before, typically as a result of record-breaking crowds, serving more students than ever before, hosting the most concerts to date, or hosting the most private events ever. That's not exactly our story this year. For the first time in our history, we were unable to offer summer programs for our youth. In addition, due to COVID-19 mandates, we were not able to host any concerts, and most of our private events had to be canceled. There were no crowds, and the quiet of our surroundings was deafening. However, we did what was necessary, and we kept our students, staff, and patrons safe. That is the story of 2020.

Even with the losses experienced since March, we have learned some important lessons along the way. The biggest of them, to me, is never to take anything for granted. Personally, I missed seeing young performers stepping on stage opening night, beaming with excitement while their friends and family waited eagerly in the audience for their debut. I missed seeing a parents' pride for their very shy child's first experience standing before a small audience reciting a monologue as part of their final performance at our annual Sun Celebration. I missed hearing parents talk about how much their child grew through the experiences of doing things that were outside of their comfort zone yet felt so safe taking that leap. I missed seeing our students coming together, laughing, having fun together, and creating beautiful art. These are some of the things that I realized I have taken for granted over the years. I look forward to embracing these magical moments once we are able to return to some form of normalcy.

We are busily putting plans in place for 2021. We look forward to creating safe opportunities for our students and audiences throughout the new year. We will be starting by offering virtual arts programming in January, all the way through providing a full roster of face to face classes and performance opportunities throughout the summer. We have a number of concerts on the calendar for the summer of 2021, and we hope our community will be able to safely come together, once again, to experience and enjoy live entertainment in our beautiful Bluestem amphitheater.

As we near year end, we ask you to consider supporting the important work of Trollwood. Our budgets depend, in part, upon gate receipts, concession sales, registration fees, rental income, and donations. As you can imagine, this has been a tough year financially for Trollwood Performing Arts School. We are grateful for all those who have stood with us over the past several months, providing generous support during a difficult year. It is only through the generosity of our community that we are able to offer the depth and breadth of opportunities that we do. We are here because of those who believe in the work we do. If you or a loved one has been positively impacted by Trollwood, we would be so grateful for you to contribute a financial, year-end gift of any size. Every donation makes a

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difference. All online donations will be accepted by the Fargo Public Schools Development Foundation and earmarked for Trollwood Performing Arts School. [Please click here to donate today.](#)

Thank you for believing in Trollwood and for your help making arts opportunities and live entertainment available to our community and beyond.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kathy Anderson  
Trollwood Performing Arts School Executive Director