

STRAWBERRY THEATRE | WORKSHOP

Hi Friends

Last night, April 20, was to have been our first rehearsal for ***Gross Indecency***, a brilliant jigsaw puzzle of a play about the life of Oscar Wilde, written by Moises Kaufman—who wrote another great puzzle drama, ***The Laramie Project***, which Strawshop produced in 2009. Last night would have been the first night of collaboration, the first night of community, the first night of ensemble-building that is only complete when we add our audience into the story.

This Spring, the coronavirus pandemic has changed the way we teach, the way we work, the way we love. Mostly, it has stolen the richness of our unexpected interactions with others—unspoken conversations through shared gasps, laughter, and applause.

For us, those conversations start in the rehearsal hall on Day 1. They continue, with you, through the final bow on Closing Night.

It's uncertain when Strawshop will be able to provide a place for that richness again. What is certain is that the return of live performance will depend on two things: When will we have a healthy space? And when will we have a community able to gather again without fear?

When we have those answers, I hope you'll join us. We'll be eager to share a story with you. Maybe one that cuts through some of that fear, maybe one that makes your night more hopeful.

To prepare for the recovery, we need your faith and we need your money. Strawshop doesn't have events to sell in April, May, or June. But there are three concrete ways you can keep us maintain a strong foundation to rise from in the months ahead:

- Our calendar at strawshop.org is full. Buy **advance tickets** now for future events, knowing that any tickets for a canceled show will be transferable or fully refunded.
- Consider a [subscription](#). A **Strawshop Membership** is for 12-months, not a season. Your payment now is an investment in a year of work, whenever it starts.
- **Make a donation.** [GiveBIG](#) has already begun and it culminates May 6. You can also give to Strawshop at any time via [PayPal](#) or [Network for Good](#).

This is an unprecedented time of sadness, anxiety, and confusion. Please take care of yourselves and your families the best way you know how. If you still have space in your lives to think of Strawberry Theatre Workshop, please help. We promise a return your investment.

Thanks,

