

January 18, 2022

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Heller An Shapiro, Executive Director
RE: Pandemic Programming Update

ArtStream is well-positioned to return to move forward with hybrid programming.

All classes are on Zoom in January-March, except for limited partner classes, and a monthly Super Social Saturday. Classes can continue on Zoom for as long as needed. In fact, more classes can be available to a wider audience.

Theatre Companies:

All Companies are writing scripts that will work online or onstage.
Video performance dates are already announced.

Alexandria started with one online and one in-person company
Gaithersburg started with two in-person companies
Silver Spring started with one hybrid and one in-person company

Cabaret:

The fall Cabarets were hybrid this season. 1-2 actors joined live rehearsals on zoom and were videotaped for broadcast at the performances. Both Cabarets were performed onstage and were videotaped for broadcast January 28, 2022.

Both spring Cabarets audition the week of January 24. Current plan is for in-person auditions as these are small groups. Virtual will be implemented if necessary.

Return to in-person rehearsals by mid-February:

The Alexandria and Gaithersburg Theatre Companies can perform onstage.

Return to in-person rehearsals by mid-March:

The Silver Spring Theatre Companies can perform onstage.

Major theatres are filling, so it is unlikely we will be able to get out of the theatre leases we signed this year. It is likely that our audiences will be smaller than usual. It is also likely that virtual sales will increase if there are no shows onstage.

FY22 Budget: Box office ticket sales are budgeted at \$25,000; virtual sales at \$7,000

A storage unit has been reserved to paint sets this spring (in preparation for onstage performances) and prepare for moving the complete costume shop in July.