



August 2020

COVID-19 Update

Dear SingOut Families,

I hope you are all healthy and safe. These are stressful times for many, and I hope that you are able to take time to decompress, and do some things that you enjoy together. I'm writing to update you on SingOut's current operations during the Covid-19 pandemic.

First and foremost: We promise to bring music, movement and laughter into our students' lives throughout the Fall, Winter and beyond. We spent the summer creating new virtual programs, in preparation to hold virtual programming through December. We're really excited about these new programs, and can't wait to see how they are received by our students! In October, we plan to reevaluate where things stand with Covid-19 in our county and community, ahead of our Winter and Spring sessions. We cannot wait to be back together in person, as soon as it is safe to do so. I don't think any of us anticipated a year ago that our programming would be virtual, but we've found that it can be done, and that the greatest strength of SingOut-- our community, and its determination to make sure everyone feels welcome and supported-- translates anywhere, whether in person, or in your living room. We plan to continue to create this community, and hope to help to alleviate some of the pandemic related stress felt by our students, by bringing our SingOut family together no matter where they are.

The SingOut staff and Diablo Theatre Company's Board of Directors' main objective is to keep our families safe. In keeping with that goal, we will continue to look toward the CDC and Contra Costa Health Department as we make decisions and create protocols for SingOut. We are working closely with Chelsea and Starlight Dance Studio. She has spent countless hours preparing her studios for the time when we can all be together in person again. To find out more about the protocols Starlight has already put in place, please click here: [Starlight Reopening Plan](#).

As we move forward, we promise to continue to bring high quality [programming](#) to our community, and to provide a place to rely on, where everyone is safe and welcome. Please feel free to reach out to us with questions or concerns. And please, stay healthy!

Sincerely

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Diablo Theatre Company/SingOut
Managing Director



May 2020

Dear SingOut Parents

I hope you are all healthy and safe. I'm writing to update you on SingOut during the Covid-19 pandemic. This has been an incredibly stressful time for all of our families, staff and board of directors. We have worked hard to provide quality virtual rehearsals, uplifting videos as well as guest speakers.

Although shelter-in-place restrictions are beginning to change slightly, it's clear that large groups will not be able to safely gather for the next few months for performances or for our scheduled summer programs. Sadly, this means that some of our performances and our scheduled summer programs will not take place as scheduled this year. The SingOut staff faced difficult choices for each program. Our decisions took into consideration the technical factors, class sizes and progress made on each show prior to the shutdown. We are contacting each group directly about the decision made for that group. If you have any questions, please contact your director or Rachel.

We are as disappointed as you are and we hope we'll all be able to be together in person soon. In the meantime, we're putting our heads together to come up with fun virtual options to keep us connected over the summer. And we hope to eventually hold small group classes that adhere to current country and state health directives. If you've already signed up for summer classes you will receive a refund.

We miss you all and can't wait until we can join again on stage as a community

Rachel Pergamit
Managing Director
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March 2020

Dear SingOut Families

I am very sorry to announce that in light of the Contra Costa County Health Departments <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/> updated policy on gatherings to protect public health, the closures of local schools and the spread of COVID-19, SingOut will be postponing the scheduled performances and programs listed below.

Classes will continue today as regularly scheduled.

The following performances and programs have been postponed:

Showcase - filming to be rescheduled

Jr Comp The Music Man - postponed until April 13, dress rehearsal and performance rescheduled for April 20

Mini Kids Frozen Kids - postponed, all rehearsals resume on April 15 (Wednesdays) or April 17 (Fridays). Videos of dances will be supplied via Dropbox; Performances rescheduled for June 3 (Wednesdays) or June 5 (Fridays)

Kids Theatre Frozen Kids - Postponed, all rehearsals resume on April 15 or April 17. Auditions will be submitted by students via video to Ms. Michelle. Videos will be supplied via Dropbox with choreography and memorization tips. Performances rescheduled for June 3 (Wednesdays) or June 5 (Fridays)

Jr Theatre - Postponed - rehearsals will resume on April 14. Videos will be supplied as necessary via Dropbox. Performances remain as scheduled in May

The following program will move to virtual rehearsals:

Teen Theatre - Rehearsals will be held with Facebook Live in our FB group during regularly schedule rehearsals. In-person rehearsals will resume on April 14.

We are heartbroken to be making this announcement, and hope that you will understand that we're making these decisions with the health and safety of our SingOut community in mind. Please continue to help support SingOut during this time by encouraging your child to rehearse with videos and to practice lines or singing. We have every intention to be back up to normal as soon as possible.

If you have purchased tickets for a scheduled performance they will transfer to the new performance date. If you are unable to attend the new performance date, you will be refunded in full. We hope that you will consider donating your ticket purchase to us if you are unable to attend, in the hopes that we can continue to operate during this difficult time.

Finally, as you know the situation is extremely fluid. We will be sure to update you as we know more about the status of the remainder of our scheduled season.