

Dear Greenbelt Arts Center supporter,

Your Community Arts Center continues to not only survive, but to thrive, with the help of volunteers, participants, audience members, and donors.

Although we had to close our facility due to COVID-19, we've been producing completely safe, high-quality digital theatre, including Romeo & Juliet, The Quadroon and the Dove, Gutenberg! The Musical! and Twelfth Night. For the schedule of upcoming offerings please visit www.greenbeltartscenter.org, and check back for updates as we have additional shows in the works. As we recognize that some of our community faces financial hardship in these difficult times, many of our offerings are "pay what you can", rather than fixed ticket prices. Where copyrights allow, we are maintaining recordings of our online offerings for later viewing.

With the tremendous help of dedicated volunteers, we have made a commitment towards an expansive mentality to make sure that everyone, particularly BIPOC participants, feels welcome, safe, and joyous in the GAC community. We have revised our procedures for show selection and casting to ensure that we provide a positive and expansive experience and that our policies reflect our values. Part of our mission is to share the dramatic arts with people of all ages. We have empowered our first Youth Advisors, two students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, to help us produce content appealing to younger people. These energetic teens are already planning a student-directed one-act play festival for the early Spring.

While our facility is closed for shows, we are continuing efforts to make GAC a better place to be in. This year's facilities projects include completing the upgraded light grid and a beautifully remodeled dressing room with changing stalls for privacy, funded by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. Volunteers cleaned and organized the "Back 40" storage spaces to look better than they have in a long time.

GAC has formalized a partnership with The Rude Mechanicals, a Greenbelt group of thespians extraordinaire who have been invaluable in helping GAC move online and making GAC a better place. It's like they've always lived here! This alliance has brought tremendous (if a little eccentric) new energy and programming to the Center and we look forward to the future with them.

GAC relies on ticket sales, donations and grants in order to maintain our facility, perform outreach and publicity, and to produce a season of high-quality live theater and concerts. If you have not already done so, please consider becoming a member of Greenbelt Arts Center and making an additional donation. Members receive free and half-price tickets, and those contributing \$100 or more will be gratefully acknowledged [online](#) and in the programs. Please use a credit card to join online at <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?contribution=gac> or download the membership [form](#) and mail it with a check. Your donation and membership matters more than ever this year since we do not have the income generated by ticket sales to live shows.

We deeply appreciate your support for the Greenbelt Arts Center. We look forward to seeing you in the virtual audience until such time that we can safely see you live at the theatre.

Sincerely,
The Greenbelt Arts Center Board