

## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy Spring!

What a year this has been! By the time you read this we will have wrapped up our theater and art classes as well as our preschool experience for the 2020-2021 year. After having to close last spring, these year end activities are more important than ever.

Our students have worked so hard this year! Make sure you take a look at our summer offerings in June and July and register at [jacksonarts.org](http://jacksonarts.org). You will need to set up a new account since we are trying a new, more user friendly, software. Please let us know what you think!

We will not have classes during August as we start to prepare for our new space. As you can imagine moving after so many years it is going to be a lot of work! We are really excited about the new space and can not wait to welcome you! As we get closer to the fall we will keep you posted on when the actual move will take place. It will likely be after fall classes start.

The Ella Sharp Museum and JSA successfully pulled off our first joint exhibition at the Ella over the winter, Frida Kahlo's Garden. We provided a VIP night that featured the JSA performance team and a student pop up gallery that featured our student's artwork. Part of the gallery is now on display on Cortland in the window of our new space. If you missed it, swing by and take a look!

JSA was able to have our Fairy Festival in April and I am excited to say that it was a great experience and we heard some excellent feedback from those who attended. Stay tuned for a more expanded ticketed experience next year in the new space as well as some of the free elements we hope to bring back post COVID. We were able to raise over \$45,000 for our low/moderate income students to have access to programming. More than 70% of our students are on some level of scholarship and this fundraiser is critical to making that happen! Thank you Jackson for your support!

If you have any questions, concerns or just want to say hi let me know! please feel free to email [carolyn@jacksonarts.org](mailto:carolyn@jacksonarts.org) or call me at

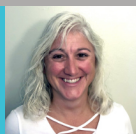
517-784-2389 and we can set up a time to talk!

**Stay safe and I hope to see you soon!**



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# FRIDA KAHLO EXHIBIT

OUR STUDENTS GET INVOLVED AND SHARE THE EXHIBIT PARTNERSHIP WITH ELLA SHARP MUSEUM



We are so very proud of all of our Jackson School of the Arts Students that participated in creating work for the Student Pop Up Gallery Inspired by Frida Kahlo at the Ella Sharp Museum. Jackson School of the Arts and the Ella Sharp Museum partnered in showcasing the Frida Kahlo's Garden Exhibit from January-March of 2021.

Jackson School of the Arts created some ongoing classes inspired by Frida Kahlo, where students learned about her life and work, and were inspired by her style. The students then worked to create paintings of beautiful flower gardens, bright and colorful foliage, and many self portraits.

The work was displayed at the Ella Sharp Museum, and was celebrated by class field trips to the Museum for the students to share their artwork with their families. It was a wonderful celebration of the amazing artist, Frida Kahlo, and the creativity of many young artists ages 2 1/2-16. We are so proud of all of you.

A select few Frida inspired art pieces created by our students were selected to be hung in the window of our new Jackson School of the Arts building in downtown Jackson. This artwork will be on display through the summer of 2021. We welcome families to visit the mini gallery in the front window of our new home to see the work of these wonderful artists!

## STUDENT PERFORMANCE AT MICHIGAN THEATER

OUR STUDENTS GET TO SHOW OFF ON THE BIG STAGE



Despite the challenges that we faced this past 12 months, we were excited to kick our theater program into full gear again and having four different classes serving different age groups – up through teenagers. This past month our younger students were able to share their performances they helped design and produce.

Not only were their families able to enjoy the performances, but they were able to enjoy it at Downtown Jackson's historic Michigan Theater.

Thanks again to both the Michigan Theatre of Jackson and all the families that came out last night to support our young Theater students last night during the productions of the Fairy Festival Players and Wizards & Muggles class. We had a lot of fun and hope our students learned a lot along the way.

If you'd like to see what theater classes are in store this summer check out [jacksonarts.org/summer](http://jacksonarts.org/summer)



# NEW BUILDING UPDATE

DEVELOPMENTS ARE PROGRESSING IN OUR FUTURE DOWNTOWN HOME



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The hammers have been in full swing and the dust is flying in the new home of Jackson School of the Arts. Construction is well underway and taking shape on the 2nd and 3rd levels.

The framing and drywall of the dance and art classroom areas, dressing rooms and alternate spaces are in progress.

Flooring & tile are being chosen and furniture is literally beginning to "pile up". We are slated to open in the fall, stay tuned for updates and follow us on Facebook as we share our progress!

## THE ROAD AHEAD

In 2020, Jackson School of the Arts traversed a significant amount of change with an opportunity for a different building, a new Executive Director and of course a pandemic. I believe, we are on the other side of the challenge and the road ahead looks amazing.

I can't thank our instructors, staff, committed parents, resilient students, generous donors and dedicated Board of Directors for your support, patience and perseverance. Thank you and we are excited for the future of JSA!

*-Sarah Ermatinger, JSA Board Chair*

## FAIRY FESTIVAL RETURNS!

WE WERE BACK IN PERSON AND SET NEW FUNDRAISING RECORDS



Do you believe in magic? The Jackson School of the Arts Fairy Festival is our largest fundraiser of the year. It brings in funds that go straight back to our students, supports our families in need, and creates scholarships for all students to enjoy the arts.

The special thing about Fairy Festival is all the fun and lasting memories made by the children and families that attend. For 14 years we have made the magic of the Fairy Festival, and create what has now become known as a Jackson tradition.

We are happy to report that the 2021 Fairy Festival, held in April, was the most successful Fairy Festival in our 20+ year history of the event.

We were able to host over 400 attendees in a safe, socially distanced environment and raise over \$42,000 for the school with the generosity of sponsors and ticket sales. In addition, we partnered with the Interfaith Shelter, Aware Shelter, Big Brothers Big Sisters and David's Promise to spread the magic of the fairy festival to more individuals.

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