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Dear Friends,

We are all aware of the current situation with respect to the Coronavirus Pandemic. And as a community we are doing our utmost to ensure the safety and well-being of those most vulnerable – our elderly and our children. So, it is with great sadness that I am announcing the cancellation of the Ottawa Children's Festival 35th anniversary edition for 2020.

You know as I do, that the Festival is the jewel in the crown of this community's cultural events. It is the only place for educators, children and their families to go to spread their wings and feel their creative hearts and minds soar! I do not take this decision lightly.

Nick Masciantonio, Board President, commented: "I want to express the Board's appreciation for the work and support of our staff, government funders, sponsors, schools, local media and families preparing for this year's Festival.

We look forward to sharing great Canadian and International performing arts with schoolkids and families in 2021."

All ticket purchases will be reimbursed.

We thank everyone who has been involved in the building of this anniversary project to date. It was shaping up to be one of the best events we have ever presented! I am going to miss it very much.

Please put us on the calendar for next year when the Ottawa Children's Festival will take place from May 5 – 9, 2021.

Be well, stay safe.

Catherine O'Grady
Artistic Producer