

Ottawa Children's Festival de la jeunesse

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Dear Friends,

The Ottawa Children's Festival aims to inspire the imagination of young people but in April the unimaginable happened: the cancellation of the 2020 Festival. We have missed you! We are excited to share that planning has begun for the revived 35th anniversary in May 2021, and for a new virtual project.

As a charitable organization, donations and fundraising are a significant portion of our revenue. To present the high calibre performances for young audiences you are accustomed to, we need your generosity more than ever. Due to current restrictions in place, all school field trips are cancelled for this year. The consequence is no access, for many young people, to our renowned presentations of the best in performing arts created just for them! It's also a loss of income for artists, production staff and technicians – the backbone of Ottawa's cultural sector.

This year has been challenging for everyone. With so many events cancelled, or free online, perhaps some of you have spent less than your full entertainment budget? We ask you to consider donating that amount to the Festival to help us reach our \$40,000 goal. It's easy - just go to:

<http://ottawachildrensfestival.ca/donations/give/>

To celebrate our anniversary, we have launched a brand new project called "IT'S LIKE". Three of Canada's leading theatre makers, Kim Selody, Linda Carson and Ottawa's Emily Pearlman, will work with local youth to create a new play – using digital workshops and ending with a full performance. It will also be recorded and made available to schools as a future resource.

We're already adapting the 2021 Festival so that we go live no matter the restrictions in place. We guarantee an array of artists for young audiences that will touch the heart and tickle the funny bone.

All of us thank you for being a part of the Ottawa Children's Festival family. We are eager to be back on stage, with you in front of us, in 2021.

Catherine O' Grady
Artistic Producer

P.S. The Festival has had a lasting effect on hundreds of thousands of young people for the past 35 years. Why not consider leaving a lasting legacy for the next generation? Speak to your financial advisor about how to include the Festival in your estate planning.