Dear American Stage Supporter,

“We will return with powerful stories, boldly told.”

One year ago, I announced our 2019-20 American Dreamscape season,

In an era that can seem more surreal than sublime, the 2019-20 American Stage Mainstage series explores the American spirit, our pursuit of happiness, our resiliency, and our unrelenting hope in An American Dreamscape.

I could not have imagined how surreal our world was about to become. And I never would have predicted that our season, our classes, our programs, indeed, the very core of our mission, would be suddenly halted.

Live theatre derives its magic from the visceral experience of joining artists and audiences together in a shared space for an immediate and ephemeral shared moment.

For now, we are taking the following steps to ensure that we are ready for you when it is safe for us all to join together again:

• Delivering creative, positive and entertaining digital content to engage, to inspire and to keep us all connected. Visit americanstage.org/RETURN

• Asking that you hold your purchased tickets for use at a future performance or donate the value of your ticket to American Stage.

• Pausing our operations in addition to our programs temporarily, in order to preserve resources, restore our own well-being, and pivot to a new vision for the coming year. Our offices will be closed April 11-27 and an update on our programming will be announced on May 1.

• Envisioning an impactful new 20-21 season to be announced this summer. We know that we will need powerful live theatre as much as ever and I am reimagining our program choices for a hopeful and inspiring post-COVID-19 world.

Now more than ever, American Stage depends on your support. To ensure that we are ready to reopen our doors as soon as this crisis has passed, we are launching the We Will Return Campaign, and are asking you to support the staff and artists onstage, offstage and throughout our American Stage community.

Will you consider making a donation today to support American Stage? Any amount you can give will go a long way toward ensuring that we will return with powerful stories, boldly told. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Finally, so many of you have reached out to us with words of support and encouragement through this challenging time. I can't tell you how much that means. We miss you. I have so much faith in our community. Together we will heal and rebuild.

Stay healthy and stay connected,

Stephanie Gularte
CEO/Producing Artistic Director