



The Collaborative

In times like these, it is more important than ever to work collaboratively and share ideas. To support our international Teaching Artist and Participatory Arts community, we have gathered below some of the best COVID-19 related campaigns, resources and opportunities from around the world that you should know about. We hope you all see how much support and creativity is being offered from our colleagues globally, and feel inspired to continue evolving your own practice – even in these challenging times. If you know of any additional resources you would like to share, please let us know. For now – read, enjoy, create and share! (...and wash your hands.)

- A note from Madeleine McGirk, ITAC Managing Director

Campaigns you should know about right now



#KeepMakingArt

ITAC Collaborative joins [Creative Generation](#) and hundreds of others around the globe, in the **#KeepMakingArt** campaign – a global movement and artistic response to #COVID19, to inspire and support youth, educators, parents, artists, and organizations during the tremendous circumstances we are facing.

The goal of the campaign is simple: inspire and support youth, educators & artists, parents, and organizations to keep making art despite the unprecedented circumstances we are facing.

By creating art in your community, sharing resources with the field, and following your peers (and the hasthag!), we will build deeper connections and a better community.

[Click to read more & access the online toolkit to get started.](#)

Far Apart But Close At Heart

ITAC Collaborative has joined with [Crear Vale La Pena](#), [Noticias Positivas](#), [People's Palace Projects](#), [Creer Hacer](#) and [Asociacion Azul Solidario](#) to pioneer a positive messaging campaign for artists - '**Far apart, but close at heart**'.

The campaign is designed to remind people that, despite our physical distance, we have a unique opportunity to connect and collaborate. As artists we can

create work to guide people through these turbulent times – let's strive to introduce radical empathy, kindness and collaborative thinking. Courage is the perfect middle ground between cowardliness and fearlessness. Let's aim to steer our communities towards courage – in all that it means. (The etymology of the word courage means the full range of the human heart.)

Online Opportunities & Practice Enriching Resources There are a multitude of arts performances, self development opportunities and invitations being published every day. Here are some we think you'll enjoy:

- **The Social Distancing Festival** – A site for celebrating art from all over the world, showcasing great talent, and coming together as a community at a time when we need it more than ever: <https://bit.ly/39knzv7>
- **The Play Line** - Virtual educator meet-ups twice a day for 30 mins, including live programming with ways to keep young learners engaged and educators connected: <https://bit.ly/3aes23I>
- **Arts at Home** - Activities matrix by [@MrsVelazquezArt](https://bit.ly/33Lgqml): <https://bit.ly/33Lgqml>
- **BBC Invites Scripts on Self Isolation** - The BBC is looking for scripts about self-isolation to be made into short films. The winning scripts will be produced for BBC platforms next month: <https://bit.ly/2vNRUEB>
- **#ColorOurCollections** - The New York Academy of Medicine has made an annual practice of inviting other libraries, archives, and cultural institutions around the world to upload PDF colouring pages based on their collections for the public's free download. More than 113 institutions have taken part and you can read about how to download your own colouring book here: <https://bit.ly/39mvVCt>
- **Free Code Camp** - Here are 450 Ivy League courses you can take online right now for free: <https://bit.ly/33HMQOI>
- **Education Scotland Creativity ToyBox** - The Creativity Toybox contains 27 short videos and related activities that can be used to develop creative thinking skills in the classroom or community setting: <https://bit.ly/2JguOtk>
- **CreateCATT** - An Introduction to Stay At Home Play, 30 days of play ideas for you and your children: <https://bit.ly/3dnC1G1>
- **Education Week** - 5 ways to activate students' passion during a school closure: <https://bit.ly/2UBz3oM>

- **Howl Round, Artists In a Time of Global Pandemic Recording** (ASL & Captioned) - US Based Freelance Artists and Cultural Workers in all disciplines: <https://bit.ly/2UiMwTC>
- **Teaching Tolerance** - A Trauma-Informed Approach to Teaching Through Coronavirus: <https://bit.ly/3bu7xA7>
- **Mother Nature Mosaics** -Getting Started with Designing Mosaics on Graph Paper (kids): <https://bit.ly/2WIO0rS>
- **IDEA** (International Drama/Theatre and Education Association) – Theater Games to Play on Facetime: <https://bit.ly/2xl9RuG>
- **A2Z Homeschooling** - Afrocentric Homeschooling in Black Families. Support for mothers and fathers of color who have decided to homeschool their children: <https://bit.ly/33P4FeS>
- **The Globe Theatre** - You Can Stream The Globe's Library Of Shakespeare Plays Straight To Your Bedroom: <https://bit.ly/2UBleFB>
- **School Closures** - 275+ Enrichment Activities for Children While Parents are Working Remotely: <https://bit.ly/39g4FWk>

Like and Follow us at @ITAC_Collab, tag us in what you're up to!

COVID-19 Specific Artists' Funds & Resources:

Countries and organisations are quickly creating their own guides and resources for our sector. We have collected and listed below some of the most widely shared offerings:

- Association of Teaching Artists, COVID-19 Resources: <https://bit.ly/2xusQTq>
- Creative Scotland: Resource Directory for Covid-19: <https://bit.ly/2UzCtlx>
- Artist Trust (USA), A growing list for those in Washington State USA: <https://bit.ly/33J95Ut>
- National Endowment for the Arts (USA), COVID-19 Resources for Artists and Arts Organizations: <https://bit.ly/2Ji3KtC>
- Artist Home, A Virtual Music Teacher Database: <https://bit.ly/33QH8Kn>
- Dancers Group, COVID-19 Information/Resources: <https://bit.ly/39khX46>
- Paul Hamlyn, COVID-19 Emergency Funds: <https://bit.ly/3dsXJrX>
- COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources: <https://bit.ly/3dmudEi>

- BOMB Magazine, COVID-19 Artist Resources: <https://bit.ly/33J9PZP>
- 1575 Remote Jobs from 100+ Companies Hiring Remotely (from February 2020): <https://bit.ly/39jKuXx>
- Australia Council for the Arts, COVID 19: <https://bit.ly/2xmqxlu>
- The Art-ery (USA), Lost Income Due To COVID-19? Here Are Grants And Resources For Artists And Nonprofits: <https://wbur.fm/2y03RYv>
- NYC Arts in Education Roundtable, COVID-19 Resource Page: <https://bit.ly/2JizVJq>
- Creative Capital, List of Arts Resources During the COVID-19 Outbreak: <https://bit.ly/2wDSXax>
- Springboard for the Arts, Coronavirus: <https://bit.ly/3br6fWU>
- Arts Council England, COVID-19: <https://bit.ly/2UyEtRu>
- Chamber Music America (CMA), COVID-19 Resources for the Chamber Music Community: <https://bit.ly/3bpbaYb>

If you know of any additional resources not listed here, please let us know, and we will share the information on our social media platforms.

Digital Events

- **Monthly, ITAC Think Tanks.** You can now listen back to our previous Think Tanks, as well as see the schedule for our upcoming ZOOM sessions at: <https://www.itac-collaborative.com/get-involved/think-tank>. The recent session on teaching artists getting connected to the U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals was packed.
- **Nightly, Schaubühne Theatre Live Stream.** The famous Schaubühne theatre in Berlin is live streaming shows every night for online audiences. Read more at: <https://bit.ly/33HOtvQ>
- **Daily, The Play Line.** Virtual educator meet-ups twice a day for 30 mins, including live programming with ways to keep young learners engaged and educators connected: <https://bit.ly/3aes23I>
- **Financial Strategies for Freelance Artists in a Time of Crisis.** Thursday, 26 March 2020 at 11 a.m PDT (UTC-7). Livestreaming the #ArtistResource panel Financial Strategies for Freelance Artists in a Time of Crisis on the global, commons-based, peer-produced HowIRound

TV network: <https://bit.ly/2UyI577>

- **Nightly, MET Opera Streaming.** Metropolitan Opera to Offer Up ‘Nightly Met Opera Streams’. <https://bit.ly/2Ui8Koz>
- **Daily, Together at Home by Global Citizen.** To support the World Health Organization’s efforts and to bring us all together feel less lonely Global Citizen has launched Together at Home. Each day a new artist brings their talents live to social media — they’ll take requests, talk about their process and sing some of their classics. Join here: <https://bit.ly/3dxS8B0>

Do you have an event coming up we should know about? If so, get in touch!

Updates From the Field

Watch the LEGO Idea Conference 2020 - Virtual Edition

"The LEGO Foundation shares the mission of the LEGO Group: to inspire and develop the builders of tomorrow. The Foundation is dedicated to building a future where learning through play empowers children to become creative, engaged, lifelong learners. Its work is about re-defining play and re-imagining learning. In collaboration with thought leaders, influencers, educators and parents the LEGO Foundation aims to equip, inspire and activate champions for play."



[WATCH HERE](#)

- Creative Generation, *Our Community Responds: How Funders Can Support Arts Education Despite COVID-19*: <https://bit.ly/2WJLGaz>
- Artnet News, *How We Should Reimagine Art's Mission in the Time of 'Social Distancing'*: <https://bit.ly/2QJsQWq>
- ABC News, *Stuck inside with the kids during the coronavirus pandemic? Here are some ideas for creative play*: <https://ab.co/2y2SCyw>
- TES, *Coronavirus: A home-school diary by an accidental head*: <https://bit.ly/2UD60Rs>
- Artwork Archive, *Meditations to Ease the Artist's Mind*: <https://bit.ly/2QlaMvS>
- Irresistible, *Coronavirus: Wisdom from a Social Justice Lens*: <https://bit.ly/3alwQEv>
- Teacher Magazine, *An arts-based approach to student resilience*: <https://bit.ly/3dwtX5A>
- Bo Stjerne Thomsen, *The Urgent Need for Creativity at the LEGO Idea Conference*: <https://bit.ly/3akft6Z>
- National Dance Institute, *launch of the NDI Collaborative for Teaching & Learning*: <https://bit.ly/2vP9acL>
- PDF of *Special Issue of arts in social work Social dialogue*

magazine: <https://bit.ly/3apmYK8>

- Chamber Music America (CMA), In response to the COVID-19 crisis, is offering “Pay What You Can” memberships for one year: <https://bit.ly/3dq9sHU>

If you have an idea about something you'd like included in our updates please let us know by tweeting or emailing a link! (@ITAC_Collab)

Food for thought:

"A teacher in search of their own freedom may be the only kind of teacher who can arouse young persons to go in search of their own."

- *Maxine Greene, philosopher*



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