



PTP students clowning around (April 17th Performance Lab)

"I'm super aware of what is happening around the world. I'm far away from my home. My loved ones. My land. I live day by day. The only way I can come to my center is to study. Engaging the time left for studying because I don't know what tomorrow will look like... I'm going to work until the last moment. This is the only way I can be a help to the world as well as to myself."

-Veenadari Lakshika, Sri Lanka  
3rd year MFA student

## [Join the \\$20 for 2020 Student Relief Effort](#)

Dell'Arte International is doing its part to help flatten the curve in solidarity with our local and global community. We have closed our doors to public performances and our classes have moved online. Inevitably, the effects of this time will be felt through our organization both immediately and for a long time after we emerge from our respective shelters. Though the future is uncertain, there are solutions to immediate challenges that you can be a part of *right now*.

**Today, the current generation of Actor-Creators needs your help.**

A large percentage of Dell'Arte students have overcome serious obstacles to study here. **As alumni, you understand this better than anyone.** They are now facing unprecedented challenges. Students depending on financial support from family and community can no longer do so. We at Dell'Arte are doing everything we can to step in and provide resources, but need your help to lift this important student support

effort. In addition to meeting students' basic needs, Dell'Arte has needed to update, acquire and supply technology that we have NEVER utilized as a studio-based physical theatre school. We have been coming up with some very creative Daily Practices that Blue Lakers will be talking about for years! All jokes aside, these are hard times. With **\$20** you can make a difference in the life and experience of a student at Dell'Arte right now. A little bit goes a long way.

We are asking for **\$20** from each of our alumni from the past 50 years. We did the math, and found

**if everyone donated \$20, we could raise \$20,000 for:**

- Technology to improve distance learning capacity and quality
- Emergency fund for students' daily living expenses (groceries, hand sanitizer, rent, etc.)
- Scholarship/tuition assistance
- Family resources to better serve students

We understand that not everyone can give right now and hope that you are, first and foremost, able to address your own needs and those of people close to you. If you have the means, please consider joining the **[\\$20 for 2020! Student Relief Effort.](#)**

Each student's needs are different, but here is an idea of the impact your gift can have:

- **\$20** is a month of internet service for a student completing this year online
- **\$50** supplies the international students living in the Hotel with basic groceries for a week
- **\$100** makes me holla! ...but seriously. This would lower rent expenses, in some cases by  $\frac{1}{3}$ , which is significant as so many are unable to work as they shelter in place
- **\$500** covers a student's rent for a month OR a combination of a month's worth of groceries, internet AND...
  - faculty resources for online learning or,
  - enable Dell'Arte to purchase a laptop for a student to use, many of whom are working online from their phones or,
  - scholarship/tuition assistance

Know that any amount you can donate will get us closer to meeting our \$20,000 goal.

If you are able to give more, please do so, and thank you!

If you have already given, we are so grateful.

If you'd prefer to donate by mail, I've included that information as a post-postscript.

Additional ways you can support Dell'Arte at this time include:

- Spreading the word! Talk to you fellow alums about this effort. Share why you gave and invite others to jump in too! Please share our social media posts and online programming to keep Dell'Arte connected and visible.
- Tell your colleagues and networks about Dell'Arte's [school programs](#) and encourage prospective students to [apply for 2020/2021!](#) Boosting enrollment is a sustainable and primary funding source to maintain and evolve our student offerings and resources.
- Stay connected and engaged with Dell'Arte through our [Alumni Facebook page](#), [Instagram](#) account, and [online performance calendar](#). Please continue to send us your feedback, memories, stories and updates! We love hearing from you and are eager to share what our [incredible alumni are up to](#).

Thank you for being part of Dell'Arte's Student Relief Effort.

Our best wishes to you during this difficult time,



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P.S. Right now, the PTP students of 2020 are in the third week of CLOWN! Although we span different years as Alumni, each class went through Clown laughing and crying in the studios together. These students don't have that privilege. They are finding their delight, their willingness to fail and bounce back while in their bedrooms. Some are stuck in the Hotel for crying out loud! And these beautiful fools are so committed that when given the opportunity to withdraw from the program, before Clown, not a single one did. Instead, this class is finding absurd joy, raucous play, and is pressing forward over Zoom. They stayed because they believe in the work, in this journey, and the resilience of laughter in the face of the unknown. In this time of isolation, let's show these students how a community of clowns can seriously support each other.

P.P.S. (see next page)

Prefer to give by mail?

Make a check to "Dell Arte, Inc.," write "\$20 for 2020" on the memo line and send your donation to:

Attn. Maricela Wexler  
Dell'Arte, Inc.  
P.O. Box 816  
Blue Lake, CA 95525

Please note that we are processing mailed donations slower than usual.  
Thank you for understanding!