



Dear **WOKE Arts** patron,

We know the worry around COVID-19 is growing exponentially. As a live events host arts organization, we recognize the rapidly changing environment everyone is trying to navigate and the personal challenges it brings to all of you. The health and safety of our art patrons, clients, and stakeholders is **WOKE Art's** top priority.

Since we're in the normal flu season, these recommendations make sense. Since the US is one of the countries with a rapidly developing global coronavirus pandemic, we should take the recommended precautions.

**At this point in time, however, WOKE Arts is still moving forward with its May 3 Inaugural event. We will periodically update our patrons as we move closer to that date.**

According to the CDC, local events largely attended by local people in communities where there are no or limited cases, attending is considered low risk. However, we realize that there is still so much to learn about COVID-19 that research is quite fluid.

As a valued **WOKE Arts** patron, your safety and well-being are our top priority. With continued news around coronavirus (COVID-19), I want to personally share the steps we are taking to protect all our patrons and **WOKE Arts** stakeholders.

- We are carefully monitoring the situation and following guidance from the World Health Organization and other health authorities including the Centers for Disease Control (CDC),
- discouraging handshakes (stick with smiles and waves),
- staying home if you feel unwell, and
- washing your hands often and for 20 seconds. We encourage the use of hand sanitizer at every opportunity.

We will continue to update our patrons and stakeholders and respond to the situation as recommended by the CDC.

Below is the link for Centers for Disease Control's guidance for the general workplace including conferences and events.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

We appreciate your understanding and your help in the effort to slow the spread of the Coronavirus in our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Omar A. Bah". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "O" and "B".

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