

FIRST KISS NEWSLETTER



THIS WEEK:

Kicking off our Countdown to

2021!



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HELLO HELLO HELLO!

It's your friendly neighborhood Co-Managing Director Eliza here hoping – on behalf of the entire First Kiss Theatre Admin Team – that the start of your holiday season has been filled with food, love, and an abundance of Zoom family time. If you haven't seen First Kiss Theatre's Thanksgiving DISS TRACK (yeah, that's right, we RAP now), you can check it out (and hopefully chuckle to yourself) on our Instagram [here](#). As you may or may not know, we are currently gearing up for our virtual Countdown to 2021 event, which begins **THIS WEEK!** As a company born during this pandemic – and as humans who, like you, have experienced the ups and downs of the 2020 calendar year – we were looking for the best possible way to launch ourselves into the new year while still reflecting on all that 2020 had to offer.

This Countdown will be our way of celebrating art made during this time of isolation and we will be featuring some awesome individuals who found solace in creativity. The Countdown will begin **Tuesday, December 15th** and continue on every single day until **Friday, January 1st, 2021**. Every day, we will be releasing original work from 16 different young artists. Each day will feature a work of art, including (but not limited to) short films, photography, music, paintings, short plays, interviews with artists, and much, much more! Viewing our Countdown is **FREE**, all you have to do is check out the [Countdown to 2021 page on our website](#) each day of the Countdown and click away! You can also find out more information about the line up on our social media accounts, so make sure that you follow our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#). For the final two days, the FKT team will be releasing some ~special content~ of our own so you really don't want to miss a second of this!

We asked each of our participating artists for a one sentence “Elevator Pitch” describing their piece. Check out the official line up:

DECEMBER 15th, SOPHIA BELLA CUCCI: I don't think there's a better way to describe a feeling than with music; I am revisiting a song that has changed meaning for me over the past few years, but feels even more poignant now in a time when what we need most is hope.

DECEMBER 16th, ALEXANDER KING: I reread a book of poetry I wrote back in April - four months before my Dad passed away - and realized that while my own views on death have shifted since the book's inception, one thing hasn't: death is with us every second. While this moment has just passed, there is always a virgin and ready to be had moment at the ready. And this cycle continues. We all carry, read, ignore and cry over our own little handbooks of death: this just happens to be mine.

DECEMBER 17th, ELLIE STRAYER: Thinking about things that are abandoned. Not much else to say. Send tweet.

DECEMBER 18th, SOPHIA LEVITSKAYAS: A movement/Body experience in a reflective and rhythmic setting.

DECEMBER 19th, TESS CONDRON: Shoutout to Bono, Mt. Joy, and All American Rejects. Your friends, Blankslate.

DECEMBER 20th, LEE HARRISON DANIEL: 12/20/12 is a play about the world ending, but not really. It's about being in middle school and wanting to grow up but not get old and being excited for the future but terrified of what will happen and not really knowing how to talk about any of it.

DECEMBER 21st, KENDRICK WEINGAST: To be viewed fully clothed, in a bathtub.

DECEMBER 22nd, MORGAN KELSO: My piece, "Snippets of the Soul," is an artistic representation of the different emotions and challenges I personally felt during the pandemic at the beginning of March.

DECEMBER 23rd, ALICE NORA: “A Very Kitten Christmas” is about 2 cats who are very excited for Christmas.

DECEMBER 24th, ABBY STRAYER: The Rooke Chapel Ringers have made ringing bells possible in the pandemic and are spreading holiday cheer through handbell carols.

DECEMBER 25th, REBECCA ROSE SCHILSKY: *Someone once told her that everything happens for a reason, but nobody told her that she doesn't control those reasons...*

DECEMBER 26th, EMMY KUPERSCHMID: Hiiii check out my quarantine vlog! It's been 99 days of isolation and things are just... great!☆☆ So great.☆☆ Couldn't be better!□

DECEMBER 27th, MEGHAN LANDON: An interview with a dramaturg!

DECEMBER 28th, ERIN FRANCES SPEIRS: *April* reveals the precarious state of mind of a young woman living alone at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

DECEMBER 29th, CARA GESER: Chaucer's memorial for his dear friend's wife finds new life in a COVID-survivor's bored and sleepless life.

DECEMBER 30th, EMMA PAYNE and IVAN JERMYN: A pair of travelers just trying their best.

DECEMBER 31st, FKT TEAM: A bunch of awesome things that definitely happened in 2020!

JANUARY 1st, FKT TEAM: What's 2021 going to be like? Find out for yourself...

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Doesn't this line up sound so awesome/silly/reflective?? We think so too. Tune in! Tune in! Tune in! And if you like what you see, be sure to connect with us on social media and leave a like and comment :)

Some house-keeping and exciting announcements before we go: would you like some cool **FKT MERCH** just in time for the holidays?? Pick up a t-shirt, pin, sticker, bag, or **MASK** with our logo on it at our Redbubble shop [here](#). ALSO! Would you like to be a First Kiss Patron?? Your support means the world to us and we would love to give back to you for giving back to us – take a penny leave a penny! Check out all of our patron/donor benefits on our page [here](#) and let us know if you have any questions, we're always happy to help!

In our next newsletter, we will be announcing our 2021 season. With the uncertainty ahead, we feel lucky to still be able to create art and we hope that you will join us for the ride! It's going to be awesome!!

As we move into our fourth month of existence as a company, we just want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and generosity. We cannot believe how much we have accomplished in such a short amount of time, how much awesome stuff we already have planned for the future, and how much fun we are having working together and with you to create magic.

Thank you.

Cheers xx,



The FKT Team

