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2021 COUNTDOWN: A SNEAK PEEK!

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Hello all!

Thank you so much for subscribing to this newsletter! If you were a previous subscriber, what's up? If you've just recently joined, we'd like to welcome you to the party! Welcome!!

The purpose of this newsletter is to highlight our upcoming project: The 2021 Countdown! But before we do, we would like to say a few things to say about recent events.

Firstly, thank you to all who voted in the election and exercised their civic duty! We'd like to give a special thank you to everyone who volunteered to help register voters, encouraged voter turnout, and donated to campaigns on a local or national level. THANK YOU! Our democracy lives to see another day because of this work. We must continue to fight for racial and economic justice, for the rights and recognition of everyone in the LGBTQ+ & BIPOC communities, and for the future of our planet. If you're looking for a place to start to get involved and learn more, visit our resources page here: <https://www.firstkisstheatre.com/resources>.

Next, thank you so much for the amazing turnout and response to our Theatre Is Dead Festival! We received a lot of love after the festival, and we're very thankful for it! We know a lot of viewers were not able to make the livestream on time, but don't panic! You can still tune in!! If you would like to request the livestream link from either day, email us at firstkisstheatre@gmail.com. If you want to watch it again and already have the link, it's there and waiting for you! Again, thank you so much. SO. Much. We are so grateful for your support. And finally, what we all came here to learn about: Our 2021 Countdown! This is our next big and exciting project! Our 2021 Countdown is a spectacular event that will happen in the days leading up to January 1st, 2021. For the last week or so of 2020, we will release a new piece of art (any art!*) each day to help us rid ourselves of this year and to celebrate creators during this time. We will present art (again, any art!*) that has been made or conceptualized in the year 2020, helping us therapeutically bid farewell to this cursed year through praising the creative process. We also recognize how these artistic projects may be evolving with all the new information this year has left us with in these last few weeks. We will be releasing these works of art (one more time, any! art!*) on our Instagram, Facebook, and Website on each day leading up to New Years, so be SURE to check in with us to get more information on when this will officially start and how to view (for free!) all of these exciting projects. That's right, for free! Since this is happening on a day-to-day basis, there is no need to buy tickets! Just stay updated with us :)

If you or a friend is an artist who has been working to create during isolation, we have good news for you! It's not too late to apply! We encourage you to fill out the google form attached to this email, which serves as an official application. You have until November 15th to fill it out! You can also get it here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Shp2NdQLyreSPNiKY3oiseNIF4XLvePKSpzFU3SkqJQ/viewform?edit_requested=true

Here's what you may need to know before you apply:

- 1) This is a proposal, you don't need to submit any kind of final project! It's a preliminary application, and it's super low stakes and easy!
- 2) *The "art" that you submit can be in any medium, the more creative the better! (Some examples include, a short play, a short film, visual art, animation, a short poem, a short story, an interview with an artist, a self tape, a picture of notes, a song, anything you can think of)
- 3) You can submit something that you have already created this year (or in the recent past) OR you can tell us your project idea in the proposal form and create something new! The one thing we ask is that it's original work!
- 4) Please fill out the Google Form in order to apply! Again, the deadline for applications is NOVEMBER 15th!

Message us on social media with questions or email us at firstkisstheatre@gmail.com If you've been working on something, or have a project you want to see through, we'd love to have you fill out that Google Form and support you in your process! Even if you've never created or seen yourself in an artistic role before, this is a great opportunity to try something new in a super supportive community! We'd love love love love to hear from you regardless!

Thank you once again to all our supporters. You make true magic happen <3

Peace & Love, The First Kiss Artistic Team

Have you ever wondered.... 'Is what I'm doing considered ART????' Take this AWESOME and interactive buzzfeed quiz to find out!

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