

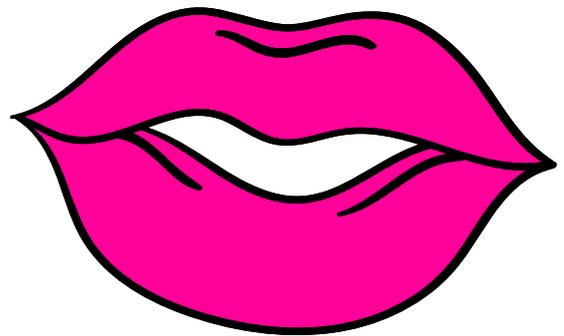
FIRST KISS NEWSLETTER



# 2021 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT AND RESIDENCY PROGRAM

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2021 IS FINALLY HERE!! HAPPY NEW YEAR from your friends at First Kiss Theatre!! We hope you enjoyed our Countdown to 2021 event – let's give a virtual round of applause to our amazing, magical participating artists ☺ Have any feedback for us on our Countdown? Comments/ questions/ concerns are always welcome via social media DM or to our email ([firstkisstheatre@gmail.com](mailto:firstkisstheatre@gmail.com)). We are beyond thrilled to announce to you our plan for the 2021 season in this edition of our newsletter! As we learned last year (and last week even...), the state of the world seems to change every hour, so we hope to provide some solace, education, humor, discussion ground, creative space, and above all magic to your 2021. We've created some ~clever First Kiss puns~ to categorize some of our events and productions. When we say a "Kissing Booth," we mean a smaller, more experimental show that will usually be a



one-night-only sort of event. "Kissing Booths" may be public, private, or by invite only and it will usually be a surprise when they pop up (and who doesn't love a good pop-up, am I right?). When we say a "Make Out Session" (see what we're doing with these puns now?), we mean smaller presentations or showings of works we're cultivating or commissioning. This will come into play with our Residency Program, which will be covered later on in this newsletter. Last, but not least, "Date Nights" will be our larger public events like full-length public shows and festivals, and boy do we have some awesome stuff planned for these!

# Without further ado, here is our season:

## January

In January we finished up our Countdown to 2021! This event recently ended, check it out on our [website!](#)

## February

“Kissing Booth” — We will be showing an “available one night only” surprise work of Art! We are still finalizing this content and are excited to bring you more information soon.

“Make Out Session” — We will be producing a Short Film Festival! Stay tuned for more information.

## March

Drink-Along Fundraiser — We will be hosting a “drink along” power-hour style fundraiser in the St. Patrick’s day spirit. You must be 21 years or older to attend!

Monologue Fundraiser! — We will be facilitating a monologue competition to support our company and other worthwhile causes.

## April

“Kissing Booth” — We expect to have a public or private reading of work in progress from our Residency Program.

## May

“Date Night” — Our very first Date Night!! We will be showing a work of art that our FKT Artistic Team has already begun devising and collaborating on!

## June

Educational Week — We will be hosting a week of educational workshops for early-career artists, including (but not limited to) resume building, networking, and grant-writing workshops.

## July

“Make Out Session” — We will be hosting a festival of 1-minute, fast-paced videos, inspired by the take-off of TikTok!

“Kissing Booth” — We will be showing an “available one night only” surprise work of Art!

## August

**“Date Night” – A true ~Date Night~ as we will be collaborating with EBRHIS Productions, a fellow emerging theatre company, to bring you a showing of the best of our two companies and our creative minds!**

## September

**“Make out Session” – We expect to hold the premier showing of a documentary by one of our FKT artists.**

## October

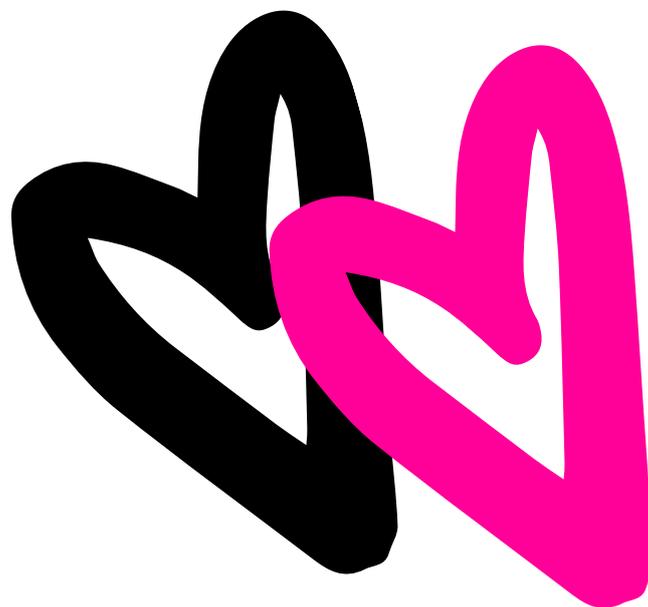
**“Date Night” – We plan on continuing the tradition of an annual two-day festival! Following last year’s Theatre Is Dead, we will bring to you eight new works over two nights!**

## November

**Murder Mystery Fundraiser – We will be hosting a one-night, interactive, virtual murder mystery that we will plan specifically for whomever RSVPs! We will also raise funds for our company and other worthwhile organizations.**

## December

**“Make Out Session” – We will be reviving our annual Countdown, this time we’re counting down to 2022! On each night leading up to this new year, we will be releasing a new work of art to commemorate the work done this year!!**



AH!! This is so exciting!! Let us know what you are most looking forward to from FKT this season, we would love to hear from you!

Another exciting year-long project that we are starting this year is our Residency Program! We have gathered a team of 10 artists (some First Kiss regulars and some new faces) to participate in our inaugural class of Artists-in-Residence. Each artist has the year to pursue a creative endeavor of their choosing. We feel strongly that the creative process should be as fun, free, and exploratory as possible so the program is really focused around creation rather than deadlines and page number requirements. Each month, the group will get together to participate in workshop-style discussions and critiques, idea bounce-around sessions, and team-building work to foster an environment of true collaboration and artistic inspiration. First Kiss Theatre will support Residents as needed, whether that is through resources, feedback, or a platform to perform/showcase work.

The Residency Program will be directed by me, Eliza Kuperschmid (hello world), as well as our Co-Artistic Director, Kendrick Weingast, who will serve as Director of Educational Opportunities. We are so excited to be working with this stellar group of Residents – check out our social media in the next few weeks for their introductory videos! If you are interested in participating in the First Kiss Residency Program, we will be reopening applications at the end of this year for the 2022 season so stay tuned for that. If you have any questions concerning the Residency, feel free to contact [firstkisstheatre@gmail.com](mailto:firstkisstheatre@gmail.com)

The usual house-keeping announcements before we go: would you like some cool FKT MERCH?? 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. Check out all of our patron/donor benefits, which include getting sent free merch and a cute lil note from us, on our page [here](#) and let us know if you have any questions, we're always happy to help!

As we said in the last newsletter, and will probably say forever, we feel beyond lucky to still be able to create despite the circumstances. Although 2021 is over, the global pandemic is still very much here to stay. A friendly reminder from us to you to continue to wear masks, follow CDC guidelines, and practice empathy – a little kindness goes a long way.

**See you in the next one!**

**Peace and Love,  
The FKT Team**

