

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Montreal Improv Community,

It is with great sadness that we announce today that Montreal Improv will be permanently ceasing its operations. Despite our best efforts to navigate the effects, restrictions and uncertainties resulting from the current Covid-19 health crisis, we were unable to develop a realistic plan to place the theatre on a viable economic footing for the future. Even with the availability of several government programs, we needed significant relief from certain contractual obligations going forward. We were unable to obtain that relief and, as a result, we ran out of options. Earlier today, Montreal Improv filed for bankruptcy.

As many of you are aware, the health crisis interrupted our March/April session of classes. Despite the closure, we want to ensure that we offer the classes that we were unable to complete. We sent to the affected students a message describing our program of outdoor and online classes to take place over the next few months. This represents the last opportunity for them to take those classes. We know it's not ideal, but it's the best we can do under the circumstances. All communication with the affected students regarding these classes will take place by e-mail.

Although we've struggled with the decision to close our doors, we are encouraged by the friendships formed at Montreal Improv and indescribably impressed with the community's creativity and energy. We know that the community exists regardless of whether or not Montreal Improv exists as an entity and whether or not there is currently a physical location for all of us to meet. At some point in the future, the conditions will be right for a new organization to fill the void created by Montreal Improv's closure. We look forward to that day.

Finally, we must thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for your commitment, passion and dedication to Montreal Improv. The theatre would not have existed without you. It would not have been like a second home to so many. We hope you can take pride and find comfort in the memories of what we created together.

Thank you!

