

Toronto School of Art - Update August 11, 2020

Dear TSA Community,

We sincerely hope that all of you are keeping safe and healthy and that you've had a good summer! For us at TSA, the last few months have been very busy, planning and launching our first ever online courses and planning for the fall and beyond. The summer online courses, after a few hiccups, have been running smoothly with lots of good feedback. We are so thankful to our faculty for bravely jumping into the land of online teaching, our administration team for helping to get our Zoom courses scheduled and working, and of course to all of our students who enrolled in our courses. We thank our entire community for standing behind us and for your support! We'll be looking forward to your feedback and to continue to make improvements.

Our Fall Schedule will soon be launched on the TSA website with a combination of ONLINE courses and In-Person Courses. **Our ONLINE Course calendar will launch this week.** You'll find many of the courses that we have taught in-person adapted to the online format and offered in shorter sessions - many in two parts. There are some new, exciting courses as well - please check them out.

Our In-Person (in-studio) calendar will follow shortly.

TSA's In-Person courses will be held onsite, in our spacious studios. We know that many of our students are excited to get back into the studio to learn and create. We want to support you.

We are in the process of putting together final plans in order to do our best to safely re-open using enhanced cleaning protocols, mask requirements, social distancing, screening, and small classes with staggered start times. We will be monitoring the COVID situation closely as we move toward and through our fall term to best be able to react should we need to. We believe that TSA is uniquely positioned to hold in-person sessions. Our large studios, small class sizes (max 8 students), good cross ventilation (windows), our ability to flexibly stagger start/end times help us toward the common goal of all our stakeholders: doing our best to keep our school and classes as safe as possible under these unique circumstances. Our term will also start later than usual (end of September) and we will offer shorter courses, many offered in two parts with a condensed schedule.

Registration using credits must be done through the office. Anyone who has a credit on file and wishes to sign up for Fall courses (online or in-person), please contact TSA by email at info@tsa-art.com.

Thank you for your wonderful support of TSA! We look forward to welcoming you back either ONLINE or IN-PERSON in the near future.