



Friday, July 3, 2020

Dear TSA Community,

Greetings from TSA!

We hope you have been keeping well, staying safe and creative throughout the past several months of our closure due to COVID-19. We are very much looking forward to reopening when regulations allow and it is safe to do so. Below are updates.

Summer 2020

We're excited to be entering the realm of online course offerings! TSA will be announcing a selection of online courses for this summer with updates coming soon on our [website](#) and social media channels (see footer).

Our Online Summer course offerings will be focused on adults and older teens. We'll be offering courses in various disciplines including painting, drawing, digital sculpture, photography and more!

Class sizes will be small (maximum of 12 participants) with both weekly sessions and workshops.

We've made the difficult decision not to offer in-person Youth programming this summer.

We will however be offering an online Animation-based course for teens (14-17yrs) called, 'Designing Characters for Animation'.

All updates and changes will be communicated through our [website](#) and social media channels (**see footer**).

Note for Winter 2020 Ceramic students: You will be contacted soon to schedule small group glazing sessions of work that has already been bisque-fired. Stay tuned!

Online Courses: What Students Will Need

TSA will be using [Zoom](#) to deliver our online courses. **Signing up with Zoom is free.** Students will need a laptop or tablet, an internet connection with good bandwidth and a

headset system - either wireless or wired. Students are encouraged to take some time to 'play' with Zoom and/or watch their ['Getting Started' Tutorial Series](#). (Try using Zoom for video calls to connect with family, friends and even TSA peers to get you comfortable with the platform!)

Fall 2020

We are looking forward to Fall and our expanded online course schedule. We also hope to offer on-site, in-person courses this fall - conditions allowing. We are working on our Fall 2020 schedule and plan to open registration next month in August.

Safety is Our #1 Consideration

TSA is in a unique position in that our school is small with large, airy studios that can easily accommodate 8-10 students while maintaining the required physical distance. Any on-site (and outdoor courses) offered through TSA will be in a small class format, employing mandatory use of masks, and enhanced cleaning protocols. With the proper protocols, we feel that we can reopen on a limited basis, but only when we are confident that it is safe to do so.

Students will be required to sign a waiver/agreement in order to participate in in-person classes.

Looking Forward

The path of COVID-19 and its effect on every aspect of our lives has been profound. Amidst all this uncertainty, please know that the **well being and safety of our TSA community is always top of mind**. Our desire and path forward is to provide our students, faculty and staff with a safe and inviting environment to learn, teach and create, whether it be online, in-person or a combination of the two.

Please continue to check in with us over the next weeks and be on the lookout for updates on our [website](#) and social media channels ([TSAnow Newsletter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#))

We thank you for your patience and your support of TSA!