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Dear Friends —

During the best of times and the worst of times, the Comedy Store's mission has always been to provide a forum for comedians to thrive and for audiences to laugh. But we are currently at an unusual and challenging moment, and we believe strongly in doing what is best for the health and safety of our staff, performers and patrons.

As a result, based on guidelines issued by city, county and state authorities this week surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19), we are, beginning today, temporarily suspending all scheduled performances at our Hollywood and La Jolla locations through the end of March. We will reevaluate next steps at that time.

Please know that we were already taking extraordinary steps to maintain a healthy environment inside our venues. In addition, we have hired crews to disinfect and thoroughly clean our locations to make sure there are no lingering issues when we are ready to reopen. And, of course, please understand that we are doing – and will continue to do – everything in our power to take care of our employees during this difficult time.

We are taking this decision based on clear and convincing evidence that social distancing is a key component to curbing the spread of COVID-19. By reducing opportunities for close contact, we believe that we can be part of the solution to this world health crisis, helping to mitigate the broader societal impacts on health care and our most vulnerable populations.

This is the first time in our almost 48-year history, we have done anything like this – and we do not take this decision lightly. When it comes to helping to protect the health and safety of our community and beyond, however, the choice is simple. By suspending our comedy, we can all help to avert a tragedy.

We appreciate how difficult this may be for our loyal patrons, our dedicated staff and our brilliant comedians who are a part of our Comedy Store community. We thank each and every one of you for your patience, kindness and support.

Meantime, please take good care of yourselves and your communities. Please join us in supporting social distancing and self-quarantine. Let's all work to flatten the curve – and help to overcome this situation by doing our part.

Comedically Yours,

The Comedy Store Family