



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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Dr. Christopher Rodriguez

Director

November 5, 2020

Amy Hand
Shakespeare Theatre Company
610 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004
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Dear Ms. Hand,

On October 22, 2020, you submitted a waiver request through the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) on behalf of the Shakespeare Theatre Company for technical rehearsals December 1-4, 2020, and in-person seating on December 5-27, 2020, with a potential extension through January 10, 2021 for the installation of *Blindness* at Sidney Harman Hall (610 F St., NW).

In response, your request for a waiver is APPROVED through December 30, 2020, with the following conditions:

- You can sell or distribute fifty (50) tickets for each performance.
- You strictly follow the guidelines outlined in the detailed plan you submitted and updated, including, but not limited to: signage posted for all guests, pre-sale of tickets, requiring masks for all individuals, cleaning and social distancing protocols.

Additional conditions include:

- Require guests remain seated during the performance, only leaving as necessary;
- Clean the venue and restrooms in accordance with your plan;
- Ensure good ventilation;
- Maintain a one-way flow of attendees and staff;
- The performance must be less than three (3) hours in duration;
- Require the performers to be at least six (6) feet apart and wear masks when not performing;
- Inform your employees of the COVID-19 protocols you have put in place, including a mask or face covering policy and any applicable leave policies;
- Keep records of individuals who performed and attended and provide these records and contact information upon request to the Department of Health (DC Health) for contact tracing purposes.
- Follow all requirements for food retail operations in the District and provide contact information for all vendors;
- Post signage of your mask or face covering guidelines and physical guides or signs of your social distancing policies; and
- Inform any individual who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 to not attend the event

If you are notified of any positive COVID-19 cases from event employees, volunteers, or attendees, please immediately inform DC Health of any COVID-19 laboratory-confirmed cases, following all procedures available at: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/covid-19-reporting-requirements>.

The District believes that as we are in Phase Two, we can continue to learn from your experience hosting a theater event develop strategies for future phases. We also recognize that this waiver provides entertainment options for residents in a relatively safe manner and under strict public health guidelines.

One further condition of this waiver is that you consent to allow inspectors from the Department of Health aka DC Health; the Alcohol and Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA); and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) to inspect facilities and practices to verify your compliance with this waiver and your plan, incorporated herein.

Please provide to me the contact information for an individual who would be available for any questions and concerns regarding compliance of any events held pursuant to this waiver.

If Shakespeare Theatre Company wishes to change its operations from those authorized under this waiver, or request additional expansion for those activities disallowed at this time, you must come back to us to confirm that you are allowed to proceed with its new terms, and DC Health must also review any such modifications. Such assent is not automatic on our part and I will be your point of contact at chris.rodriguez@dc.gov.

We appreciate your partnership.

Sincerely,



Dr. Christopher Rodriguez
Director

Cc:

Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, Director, DC Health