



RUTH ASAWA SAN FRANCISCO
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

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Dear Theatre Department Families and Supporters,

We regret to inform you that on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, the Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts Drama Studio was closed by the Fire Marshal as a performance space until further notice. We are making every effort to continue with our season by looking for alternative venues both inside and outside of the Asawa SOTA Campus.

Our Volunteer Workday this Sunday, October 13 from 10-5pm will go on as scheduled, so please plan on joining us! The Advanced Playwriting Performance will be held on October 18th and 19th as scheduled in the Asawa SOTA Library (Main Building – Second Floor). As we are unsure when the Drama Studio will re-open, please be sure to check the Theatre Department Website and Facebook page for updated performance locations and times.

There was a miscommunication regarding the use of the space when the plans were originally approved by the Fire Marshal, and we have been informed that the Drama Studio is zoned for classroom use only. At the regular Board of Education Meeting held last night, Superintendent Carranza said that he would work with the Asawa SOTA Administration to make sure that the Drama Studio meets the requirements of the Division A-3 Assembly Occupancy Code so that performances can resume in the space as soon as possible.

In the interim, we are looking for organizations that are willing to host our performances for free, or inexpensive spaces that are available for the performances scheduled that can also be available for a rehearsal or two in the space prior to the show. The performance space should have at least 100 seats, decent acoustics and sightlines, have restrooms, decent transit options (with parking a plus), and ideally the ability to plug in some lights and sound. If the space is a regular performance space, it would be ideal to have lights and a lighting board, a sound system, a backstage space, some small space where we could store props/costumes being used in the show, and an area where we could sell concessions. This kind of donation qualifies as a tax write-off or corporate in-kind donation for tax purposes.

If you have leads or connections that can help with our search for a venue, please contact Ron S. McCan, Theatre Department Artist-in-Residence and Production Coordinator, at ron.mccan@gmail.com.

The Theatre Department Staff and Artists are committed to providing a safe environment where our students can receive a premier Theatre Arts Education, and our audiences can continue to enjoy our award winning performances. We thank you for your continued support.