## International Theatre Institute ITI World Organization for the Performing Arts



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Dear friends of ITI

Warm greetings on the World Theatre Day!

The WTD has come this year in a world tormented with a deadly virus unknown to us. Never have we seen so many countries affected by an pandemic in such a short time. We have changed our lifestyle, restricted our movements, avoiding physical contact with others and following health instructions.

On this World Theatre Day we can't join, touch and hug one another; but no virus can stop us to touch one another's soul. Let us feel that we are together this day all over the world to celebrate the purpose and strength of theatre and pray that the crisis be over soon.

We have to take a few lessons from this trying time. We have to be kind to our mother earth, avoid doing things which harm our climate, lead a healthy life, spend more time at home with our families and help the distressed people around us. We must not forget that we pursue our art for the welfare of our people.

While we are away from the madding crowd and busy schedules, let us think of our new creative endeavours when we will overcome this crucial time.

May God bless you all.

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