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On behalf of the entire Board of Directors of The Unusual Suspects Theatre Company (US), a non-profit 501c3 organization, we invite you to support our mission to mentor, educate and enrich youth in under-resourced communities through the creation of collaborative, original theatre.

We would be honored if you considered donating an in-kind item or a unique auction experience for our 2021 Virtually UnUSual Create-A-Thon fundraiser on June 30, 2021, hosted by Melissa Peterman and Kirsten Vangsness, honoring our Teaching Artists, and enabling US to provide theatre arts education to youth, including incarcerated youth, and families, creating a stronger Los Angeles for all.

This fundraiser asks supporters to donate and/or create something original while raising money to fund our holistic spectrum of programs that offer virtual, in-school, after-school and community-based workshops guiding participants to collectively write and perform an original production - from page to stage. US ensures that families create stronger bonds via our intergenerational programming and access to cultural events, and offers a robust Alumni program providing continued mentorship to opportunity youth as they prepare for post-secondary opportunities. Ultimately, our work leads to academic growth, improvement in social skills, self-discovery, a sense of belonging and the building of stronger families and communities throughout LA County.

Created in response to the 1992 L.A. Uprising, US was founded as a way to provide a platform for self-expression and healing through the arts. Now, once again, as we respond to a worldwide pandemic and the current environment, we are committed to provide a voice for the voiceless, a safe place for creative expression and a sense of comfort.

Again this year, auction packages will be placed online at CharityBuzz.com, a global online auction platform catering to a worldwide network of high-net-worth individuals. Supporters like Tiffany Haddish, Kristin Chenoweth, Reba McEntire, high-profile corporate executives and more have donated unique auction experiences such as consultations, meet n greets, set visits and more. CharityBuzz has raised millions of dollars for their non-profit partners, ensuring experiences are handled with ease and donors are given the utmost discretion.

We hope to have the privilege of your support allowing us to continue providing high-quality, transformative, theatre-arts education, especially for those who need it most.

With heartfelt thanks,

Melissa Denton
Executive Director