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On behalf of the Staff and 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 2022 Virtually UnUSual Create-A-Thon, live from June 1 to June 30. Funds raised will enable *US* to provide theatre arts education to the creative, talented, and diverse youth and families we serve across Los Angeles.

US was founded in 1993 as a way to provide a platform for self-expression and healing through the arts. In our nearly 30-year history, we have served tens of thousands of youth and families across Los Angeles through trauma-informed theatre-arts programs.

These last few years have truly shown the strength and resiliency of our staff, teaching artists, and especially participants. Despite the difficulties, our participants created theatrical pieces, visual art, animated shorts, and more with their wide range of talents, strong work ethic, and passion. Our Create-A-Thon Fundraiser will help *US* continue to offer all seven of our award-winning program models free-of-charge, ultimately guiding participants to collectively write and perform their stories. As well, *US* has committed to incorporating social justice and anti-racist curriculum in our work, and creating more career pathways through our *Alumni Program* to diversify the arts industry. While we cannot predict what the future holds, your support ensures that our participants have a safe and vibrant space to creatively share their stories, and be heard, for years to come.

For the first time, our auction packages will be placed online at Charityauctionstoday.com, a customizable online auction platform catered to fundraising for nonprofit causes across the nation. They have helped raised over \$500,000,000 for their nonprofit partners, and have hosted over 250,000 auctions. 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 to *US* in support of our vital mission, and we hope that you will consider joining them.

We hope to have the privilege of your support allowing us to continue providing high-quality, transformative, theatre-arts education to the talented youth, families, and communities we serve.

With heartfelt thanks,

Joyce LaBriola
Director of Development and Communications

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