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Dear members of the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf,

first of all we send our best wishes to everyone, wherever you are.

As you will know the Federal Chancellor and the Minister-Presidents of the federal states have adopted further restricting measures that affect us all. One week ago, we, the Rectorate, have decided to phase down our Academy life to a minimum extent and to keep on working on a mobile basis. This decision was hard to make, above all because at the moment the date for the restart seems to be vague. Our main goal is to protect the safety and good health for all of you.

Furthermore we want to assure you that the Rector, Chancellor, the Prorectors and the Deans are in constant contact with each other in order to find solutions for the current and future challenges during the next weeks regarding organisational matters.

Please note: The government of the state North Rhine-Westphalia has decided to start the new summer term on April 20th. Please find the relevant Rectorate's note, dated March 16th, on our website:

[https://www.kunstakademie-duesseldorf.de/fileadmin/Redaktion/Dokumente/PDF/Amtliche Mitteilungen/Corona-Pandemie-Rundschreiben-des-Rektorats-16-03-2020.pdf](https://www.kunstakademie-duesseldorf.de/fileadmin/Redaktion/Dokumente/PDF/Amtliche_Mitteilungen/Corona-Pandemie-Rundschreiben-des-Rektorats-16-03-2020.pdf)

There will have to be reorganisation of many different parts of our Academy life: Graduation, events, examination of the new students, support for the students in their classes, technical and administrative service etc. Our aim is to start again as soon as the general conditions give us the chance to do so. We are in close contact with the Ministry and the City of Düsseldorf in order to be prepared for this and to communicate our specific needs to politics.

We will carefully and considerately prepare all decisions that have to be made and inform you at suitable intervals. The beating heart of our Kunstakademie is to be in face-to-face contact with each other. Notwithstanding we will have to make the best of it. On the other hand we really appreciate all the efforts made of our staff during the last weeks to prepare for more mobile working options. This is why we are capable of acting now.

So, after all, we will have to redesign our everyday working life and our everyday routines.

But: We are available for all of you. Do not hesitate to contact us with your requests, questions etc. on the following e-mail addresses:

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The Rectorate will, in close contact with the Deans, safeguard that the necessary measures will be prepared for the near future. Although at the moment a lot seems to be „invincible“ for you, we and the administration are there to keep everything going. Maybe some of you would also like to contact the „Vertrauensdozenten“. You will find the contact information in the last winter term prospectus on our website.

Our urgent request to each of you is to keep yourselves informed on our Kunstakademie website! All news regarding further developments will be published there.

Wishing you heartily all the best, especially good health and confidence for facing the challenges that lay ahead of us!

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