The College of Charleston School of the Arts stands in solidarity with Black communities and joins the call for equity and justice. As we share the heartbreak and outrage over the unjust killings of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and countless other Black citizens and the racism and intolerance behind them, the current pause in many of our operations gives us an opportunity to observe, listen, learn and improve.

The School of the Arts is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion within the school and programming, and we stand with the College of Charleston overall in our efforts to learn more and do more.

As an educational and cultural organization, we believe that acknowledging and embracing differences in identity are essential to creating dynamic art, conversations, and experiences for our students and our audiences. Our student/faculty/alumni artists and arts administrators use their creative talents to express emotions and share important messaging, while also helping audiences examine subjects from different perspectives. We know the power of artistic expression and how the arts can educate, empower, heal and unify through conversations that reach beyond words. We encourage all artists and arts administrators to use their platforms to continue their expression and consciously advance underrepresented communities. We all have much work to do.