



2020 Spring Suspension of Classes Notice

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Dear Students,

The health and safety of the Academy community is of the utmost importance. **There are currently no identified cases of coronavirus in the Academy community.**

In an effort to maintain as healthy and safe a learning environment as possible, the Academy is taking the following steps:

- The Academy is suspending MFA and CFA classes until Monday the 23rd of March pending re-evaluation.
- The building is being cleaned and sanitized.
- The Academy is now closed to the public. Only faculty, staff, students and teaching assistants are permitted on campus. The building is closed to alumni and all visitors.
- Lectures, Visiting Critics, Master Classes and Workshops are being cancelled until March 23rd. Lectures will be closed to the public for the remainder of the semester.
- CE classes are suspended for two weeks pending evaluation.
- The building will remain open to access studios.
- We are adjusting the Academic Calendar and will update the community with more details in the near future.

In keeping with the CDC, World Health Organization and other local health organization guidelines, the Academy asks that anyone who has traveled from an area with widespread or ongoing community spread stay home for 14 days. In addition, those who have close contact with anyone traveling to the United States from China, Italy, Iran, and South Korea to self-quarantine for 14 days. Please contact Mike Smith, Director of Operations msmith@nyaa.edu before returning to campus after self-quarantine and to report recent or upcoming travel. Please check the [Health & Safety](#) page on our website for more information.

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