

A letter of support to the performing arts community in Ukraine

Dear friends and colleagues,

We are shocked and horrified to see the brutal Russian invasion to Ukraine. We condemn it from the bottom of our hearts. We can imagine the horror that you're experiencing in this very moment. We want to assure you that we support your struggle for freedom and independence, and we'll express this support everywhere we can. Hopefully the bloodshed will end soon, and that the freedom of speech and artistic expression will prevail under any circumstances that might develop. We're sure you have the power and commitment to continue your struggle in the theatres, too, and strengthen the spirit of your audiences to survive these awful days until you regain your freedom and independence.

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