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# Folk Artist Call

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 4pm on Zoom

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## Shared Resources

1. Arts & Museums Cultural Resources during COVID: <https://artsandmuseums.utah.gov/covid-19-cultural-resources/>
2. State Page about Cultural Resources during COVID: <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/cultural-resources/>
3. Now Playing Utah. Add your virtual events to Now Playing Utah. Also remember to mark events that have been canceled as canceled on NPU: <https://www.nowplayingutah.com/categories/virtual/>
4. COVID-19 Impact Survey: <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5532991/6539d78e3593>
5. Pandemic Unemployment: <https://jobs.utah.gov/ui/home>

## Questions Asked:

1. What are the challenges you are facing, but also what creative problem solving ideas are you coming up with?
2. If we as an agency were to create something to serve folk and traditional artists during this period that would be most useful for you?

## Things We Heard:

1. Rehearsing with a group is extremely challenging or impossible during social distancing and Stay Home order. One artist is recording rehearsal tracks at home so that people can continue to rehearse music. One group is using legos to block a play virtually.
  2. It is difficult to work with students right now because so much is asked of them. They lack capacity/resources/motivation right now.
  3. Living Traditions Festival will be missed. This is like a “family reunion” of traditional artists. It also offers income and support.
  4. Artists have lost income from both their artistic side-hustle and their normal employment.
  5. Refugees cannot get access to basic necessities especially because many of them don't have a computer or internet connection.
  6. It is difficult to plan for reopening or future performances because there is no guaranteed timeline of when we can go back to normal.
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