Everyone has been hit hard by Covid-19, and Town Hall Theater knows the struggle firsthand. As soon as word spread about the virus in Vermont, the theater closed. Lisa explained the decision was difficult but necessary for the safety of the theater employees and community members it serves. Programming has been pushed back until it is safe for Vermonters again. However, the theater has created a new Instagram video series called “The Quarantine Sessions” filmed by artists and performers to help unite the Town Hall Theater audience at home. Lisa has expressed gratitude for the incredible support they have received at the theater since the beginning of the pandemic. Donors have been generous, but seeing as though Town Hall Theater has lost revenue from the cancelled season, additional donations are always welcomed and appreciated. Notes and letters from the public have also served as reminders of the impact Town Hall Theater has had on Middlebury.

Lisa has stayed optimistic during this time. She thinks this may be a time for creatives to thrive and learn from each other. Having limitations allows creatives to expand what is possible for them. So, if you can, take advantage of this situation. Vermonters are an innovative group of people who always come together through the good and bad times, and this pandemic will be no different. For the Town Hall Theater, even with the influx of support and donations, the theater relies on the community to survive and needs even more support either by donation or kind words to keep the organization alive through this tough time.

“We [at the theater] want to create experiences that are inclusive, inviting and affordable.”

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