

THANK YOU!



As time begins to heal the wounds caused by the abrupt ending of our 2020 season, I thought it important to share a brief reflection of the season. Our 2020 season may not have ended the way any of us imagined, but make no mistake – it was a powerful season full of meaningful moments that will stay with us forever.

From day one, this group had a special energy around it. From the first day we got together at auditions until our final rehearsal, the 2020 members were not only committed to achieving excellence on the floor, but they were committed to each other off the floor. This was a caring, dedicated, resilient, and extremely talented group of young musicians. Their passion and desire for greatness was inspiring.



With this being our second year in Independent Open, the staff also had a burning desire to return to Dayton better than ever. We ramped up every piece of the show design process, added more outstanding educators to the team, and for the first time, we added a visual ensemble to the group! In total, we had 41 members representing 19 schools, and 24 staff – that's 65 amazing humans working toward one incredible goal (our largest group ever).

had the chance to perform and rehearse.

Our 2020 production, "Do you know what you are?" was a powerful program that focused on self-discovery, told through poetry from Rumi. As humans, I believe we all find ourselves searching for some intrapersonal guidance at some point in our lives, so our members were able to relate to this show in a very personal way, which allowed them to tell this story authentically. Every one of our members truly gave a piece of themselves each time they

We were only able to go to one NWAPA competition this season. However, thanks to multiple flash hailstorms at the show site and breaking a prop on the way to Portland, it was a very memorable trip. The members also had an outstanding performance at that competition and we were able to inspire younger musicians from across the region.



It's no secret that everyone was disappointed with how the season ended. We had so much more to do, so much more to show off, and so much more to experience. However, our seasons are never defined or measured by our final performance or a single event. Seasons are defined by the journey we experience together - all those little moments that add up over time. Those moments are what makes this activity so special and life-changing.

As our administrative team staff wraps up all the pieces of the 2020 season, we are also now preparing for 2021. We are all anxious to get back to work in a safe way so we can tell a new powerful story next season. There is a new energy being created for next year, and we can't wait to unleash it. Information about the 2021 season will be released in the coming months.

Thank you for supporting IMPACT Percussion and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties this season. Although we didn't have the ending we envisioned we would have, you still helped us achieve artistic and creative excellence, and you have helped each of our members grow and learn skills that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Your support is without a doubt helping to create a better future for our community and beyond.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JP".

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