

Journée mondiale du théâtre – Mishka Lavigne

(English translation by Mishka Lavigne)

Beyond our theatre spaces that were shuttered.
Beyond our stages that were left in the dark.
Beyond architecture, there are human beings.

Theatre is a collective and ancient artform practiced on every continent, in every culture.
Theatre is an artform that persists and lives on because, above all, theatre lives inside human beings.

Theatre lives because of its artists, its artisans, and its art workers.

Theatre lives because of its dreamers, lovers, tinkerers, and visionaries, because of its inspired ones, its tireless ones, its passionate ones.

Theatre lives because of everyone who loves it, who keeps it afloat, who rises up to defend it, who believes in it and who puts theatre in the heart of our communities.

Theatre lives because of everyone who loves it, because of everyone who takes the time to sit in their seat, on the grass, or even in front of their screens or with their headphones, to experience a beautiful moment together, to experience a moment of community, a moment of reflection, a moment of transformation.

Theatre lives because of us.

So, to all of us who believe and all of us whose passion has taken a hit since March 2020;

To all of us who carry on and all of us who need a bit of rest before coming back;

To all of us who push through, against all odds, and all of us who need a moment to wait out the storm;

To all of us who still have faith and all of us who may have lost it for a while, know that theatre lives on, theatre will live on, and needs you. Know that theatre will welcome you, but will also wait for you.

You are the beating heart of theatre, you are the human beings who make theatre come alive, you are part of this giant wave of love and I wish a beautiful World Theatre Day.