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**WELCOME!**

It's my great pleasure to be among the first to welcome you to UCI's creative heart—the Claire Trevor School of the Arts. Whether you're a returning student or coming to campus for the first time, we're delighted that finally, after long last, we'll be together—in person—to share our skills and talents for the 2021-22 academic year. What an amazing journey we're on! If you're coming to UCI as a first-year student, this will be your first experience of the campus; if you're a *second-year* student—it will also be your first experience of the campus! If you're an upper-division student, it's been so long since you were on campus that you may not remember where everything is! Remember that we, the CTSA faculty and staff, are in virtually the same boat: we've been “sheltering in place” too! But we've been busy planning to get you up to speed as quickly as possible in order to make the return-to-campus as exciting as possible.

Despite our crazy recent history, the CTSA mission hasn't changed: “to explore and present the arts as the essence of human experience and expression.” We take this mission, and your central role in it, very seriously, and we've used the shut-down time to investigate new strategies for producing, presenting, and critiquing artforms across a wide variety of genres. We are thrilled that we will soon be sharing what we've learned with you—and working with you to explore even further. Whether you're in Art, Dance, Drama, or Music (or a combination of them!), you're about to embark on a very exciting adventure. As you explore CTSA's very extensive facilities, we'll be working beside you to develop your skills and to deepen your ideas about the role of the arts in the world.

On behalf of the CTSA faculty and staff, I'm delighted to welcome you to what will certainly be a great experience in the arts!

Sincerely,



Stephen Barker, Ph.D.  
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