

# BAMA THEATRE & DWCAC COVID-19 TIMELINE



**March 12, 2020:**  
Bama Theatre and Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center close to the public and cancelled events indefinitely

**May 20, 2020:**  
Awarded \$26,122.50 PPP by the Small Business Administration

**June 5-July 24, 2020:**  
DWCAC moved to hosting virtual exhibits from those open to the public with the Permanent Collection and Amber Quinn



**March 16, 2020:**  
Bama Theatre staff began painting projects in the Greensboro Room then continued with Phase II in the lobby and vestibule, and Phase III in the Box Office in May



**June 1, 2020:**  
708 seats removed from Bama to allow for social distancing leaving 352 remaining

Hospital grade surface cleaners and hand sanitizer stations; Signage and floor (“stand here”) appliques for social distance rules; Signage regarding facemask requirements and State of AL/City of Tuscaloosa ordinances placed on front doors and throughout the theatre; Plexiglas barriers for staff and customers; Pre-sale tickets only, no Box Office



**June 17, 2020:**  
Bama reopens for the first event since the March 12 shutdown with the McCalla Academy of Dance Recital



**April 15, 2020:**  
Film streaming opportunities began and continued throughout 2020



**May 1, 2020:**  
Painting began in the DWAC Black Box Theatre and catering/vendor policies were updated at the venue

**June 1, 2020:**  
DWCAC reopens with decrease in capacity



**June 4, 2020:**  
Awarded \$10,000 by the ASCA CARES Grant

**July 28, 2020:**  
Phase IV painting begins in balcony and JLG in Bama



**August 1, 2020:**  
Painting began on the DWAC walls, grand hall, and gallery spaces in addition to Bama Theatre Box Office



**September 3, 2020:**  
DWCAC and Bama Theatre seating reduced to app. 35%

**February 8, 2021:**  
Awarded \$26,122.50 PPP by the Small Business Administration

**March 4, 2021:**  
Awarded \$10,000 by the Tuscaloosa Alternative Sentencing Resiliency Fund



**August 7, 2020:**  
DWCAC galleries reopened with joint exhibit with social distancing, facemasks, and limited hours

**September 22, 2020:**  
Phase V painting begins backstage and in dressing rooms



**April 12, 2021:**  
Theatre seating raised from 272 to 502 seats

**September 1, 2020:**  
#redalertrestart campaign on social media and exterior/interior of Bama



**September 25, 2020:**  
Live music returns to the Bama with “Live from the Bama” concert benefitting the theatre hosted by Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports

**November 9, 2020:**  
New custom shelving units installed in backstage dressing rooms and mirrors installed



**April 12, 2021:**  
Masks and social distancing continue to be required while attending events at venues with reduced Gallery Hours at DWAC



**August 19, 2021:**  
Awarded Shuttered Venue Operators Grant by the Small Business Administration: \$141,608.15