



DEAR FRIENDS,

IT IS WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION that we express gratitude to our season subscribers and donors who, despite the uncertainty ahead, have renewed for the 2020–2021 concert season. It is because of your love for symphonic music and willingness to share this passion with our community that we will gather to experience live performances once again. Your desire to see the Bozeman Symphony thrive motivates us during this difficult and challenging time.

As part of our recent patron survey, you provided critical insights related to performance expectations for the remainder of this year. Two main themes emerged: your willingness to support the Symphony, despite what performance offerings may look like, and the safety and health of our musicians.

Each musician in the orchestra and choir wishes to continue providing live symphonic music for our community. The challenges and realities of how this would be possible, beginning our season in September, have been conflicting. Studies about performance during the pandemic are available worldwide, primarily focused on musician safety and aerosol spread through instruments in the orchestra. Along with these studies, considerations related to stage size, capacity, audience safety, and input from the Gallatin County Health Department and community partners are the driving forces in decisions made by the musicians, administrative staff, Covid-19 Task Force and the Board of Directors.

From the onset of the guiding principles established by the Covid-19 Task Force, *prioritizing the health and safety of our musicians, patrons, and staff* has remained number one. **To that end, we are announcing the postponement of our fall season.** It remains our intention to present six concert programs during the spring and summer of 2021, with repertoire modifications to what has been previously announced in the season brochure. Details about these plans will be shared in the weeks and months ahead.

Many of you have reached out asking how to help. Renewal of your 2020–2021 season subscription, which is important this season more than ever, as well as a new or increased gift to your Bozeman Symphony is deeply appreciated (please visit bozemansymphony.org/donate or call 406-585-9774). Your collective financial support will allow us to navigate this difficult period and keep your Bozeman Symphony thriving as we look toward a bright future of live symphonic music for our community.

With sincere gratitude,



Stephen Schachman
Chair, Board of Directors



Emily Paris-Martin
Executive Director



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