

PRESS RELEASE

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boisephil.org**DUE TO COVID-19, ALL BOISE PHILHARMONIC EVENTS CANCELLED THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020**

March 13, 2020 (BOISE, Idaho)—To help reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and in response to the state of emergency declared by Governor Brad Little on Friday, March 13, and the recommendation from Boise Mayor Lauren McLean to restrict large public events, the Boise Philharmonic Association will cancel all events, concerts, rehearsals and gatherings through April 30, 2020. While this was a difficult decision to make, the Boise Phil cares deeply for the health and safety of its musicians, staff and community. These cancellations apply to the Boise Phil’s professional orchestra, youth orchestra, and Master Chorale.

“We are mindful of our responsibility and the need to follow the advice of officials about how to slow the spread of this world pandemic,” states Boise Philharmonic Executive Director Laura Reynolds. “In this uncertain time, the arts have a unique ability to create connection, inspire creativity and lift spirits. We are committed to continuing this work even in the face of these cancellations.”

In addition to prioritizing the safety and health of our patrons and team, Reynolds says the Boise Phil is also aware of the financial uncertainty that many artists are facing in the wake of widespread concert cancellations across the country. To ensure the long-term wellbeing of its artists during this period, the Phil will continue to provide wages to its musicians, stage crew and staff.

The following performances and events are cancelled or postponed:

ORIGINAL DATE	EVENT	CANCELLED OR POSTPONED
Sunday, 3/15 at 2pm	Uncorked #2: Langroise Trio and Woodwind Quintet	Cancelled
Mondays, 3/16 - 4/30	Master Chorale Rehearsal	Cancelled
Mondays, 3/16 - 4/30	BPYO Rehearsal	Cancelled
Thursday, 3/19 at 6pm	Spring Forward with the Phil	Cancelled
Sunday, 4/5 at 2pm	Uncorked #3: Brass Quintet and String Quartet	Cancelled
Friday, 4/17 at 7:30pm	French Twist at Nampa	Cancelled
Saturday, 4/18 at 7:30pm	French Twist at Boise	Cancelled
Monday, 4/20 at 7pm	BPYO Concert	Cancelled
Saturday, 4/25 at 6pm	Gala 2020: Diamonds are Forever	Postponed to date TBD

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Ticket holders will have the value of their ticket credited to their account which they may apply toward a future Boise Philharmonic event or donation. Ticket holders will receive an email regarding all the options available and can contact the Boise Phil Ticket Office by emailing tickets@boisephil.org or calling (208) 344-7849. Check the Boise Phil website for updates to events.

As a nonprofit arts organization, the Boise Phil relies on the people we serve. This has never been more true than during this time of event closures. To learn more about how you can support the Boise Phil, please visit us online at boisephil.org/give/.

THE BOISE PHILHARMONIC

As Idaho's largest performing arts organization, the symphony performs for more than 50,000 people annually. Made up of 78 musicians hailing from some of the top music schools in the world, the Boise Phil is proud to offer world-class music throughout the Treasure Valley. Led by Music Director Eric Garcia, the Boise Phil's mission is to reflect the energy and heartbeat of our communities through invigorating musical experiences that touch the human spirit.