

To: All KVYSO Students, Parents, and Music Teachers  
From: The Board of KVYSO  
Date: 14 March 2020  
Re: The next few weeks

Hi All,

As you can imagine after the closing of UMA and now also of Colby, the coronavirus pandemic is threatening our spring concert. There will be no rehearsals in the coming weeks. We propose two plans, depending on how the situation evolves.

Plan A: If the situation is safe, we will resume rehearsals on 5 May and have the concert with the present program on the weekend of 13./14. June. Rehearsals would take place in a yet to be determined location on Tuesday nights from 5 May to 9 June, and in the afternoon of the concert day. This would give us the same number of rehearsals as originally planned.

Plan B: If the situation does not seem safe this spring, we will cancel all rehearsals and the spring concert. We will then perform the same program for the December concert, with rehearsals resuming in September, as usual. We would prorate the participation fees, reducing them by the part of the current semester lost. We would reimburse those students who are not continuing in the fall 70% of their fees (we had 3 rehearsals and were expecting 7 more).

Regardless of which plan we adopt, students would need to practice their current parts in the interim, with the help of their teachers.

If the situation clears up faster than expected, we will re-evaluate Plan A and consider moving up the rehearsals and the concert. Please understand that the situation is volatile and that we may have to make some quick decisions. We will have another board meeting on 19 April and hope that we will have a better picture then on whether we will go ahead with Plan A or Plan B or even an advanced Plan A.

All the best in these trying times. Consider that difficult and tragic periods, such as the world wars, have tended to make people particularly receptive to and appreciative of classical music, which has a soothing influence through its deep human wisdom and transcendental harmony.

Stay safe. Stay healthy.

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