

## Wichita Symphony cancels previously postponed concerts from March - May, 2020.

Monday, June 1, 2020 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Wichita, KS) Due to concerns surrounding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Wichita Symphony Orchestra's (WSO) Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel concerts that were previously postponed in the 2019-2020 Season. Ticketholders for affected performances have been notified with their options, and requests will be processed beginning Monday, June 1.

Affected concerts and their previously scheduled dates are "Ravel & Brahms" (March 14 & 15, 2020), "The Rose of Sonora" (April 4 & 5, 2020), "Apollo 13 In Concert" (April 18, 2020), and "Kristin Chenoweth In Concert" (May 16, 2020). The Symphony's management is in contact with each of the featured guest artists of these concerts for an appearance in a future season.

Patrons were contacted by WSO CEO Don Reinhold in a <u>letter</u> sent on Friday, May 29. "This is a critical time for the [Wichita] Symphony and we deeply miss being able to perform for you. Please consider a donation of your tickets," said Reinhold in the notice. "Your generosity will help the Symphony recover costs related to the cancelled concerts, continue operations and online activity during the pandemic, and prepare for the day when we emerge from these challenging times and perform for you again."

The Symphony Box Office will begin processing requests regarding purchased tickets during <u>office</u> <u>hours</u> starting Monday, June 1. "We ask for patience and understanding as we work through hundreds of requests in the coming weeks," said Box Office Manager Nina Longhofer. "We are committed to resolving every order in the most efficient way possible."

Symphony management notified WSO musicians of the cancellations on Wednesday, May 27. No decisions have been made regarding the Orchestra's 2020-2021 Season, which is currently scheduled to begin in late September.

Updates regarding COVID-19 and Wichita Symphony performances can be found on WichitaSymphony.org on their <u>Public Updates</u> page.

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## **Cancelled Concerts**

(Original Dates)

- Ravel & Brahms (March 14 & 15, 2020)
- The Rose of Sonora (April 4 & 5, 2020)
- Apollo 13 In Concert (April 18, 2020)
- Kristin Chenoweth In Concert For the Girls (May 16, 2020)

## For Ticketholders

Ticketholders were notified via email with their ticket options. Patrons without an email on file were mailed a letter. If a ticketholder has not received notice, they should contact the Box Office at 316.267.7658 during office hours (Monday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

## NOTICE TO PATRONS FROM CEO DON REINHOLD

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