PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENT CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

West Michigan Symphony is committed to the health and safety of our audience members, volunteers, musicians and staff, and to operating with the community’s best interests foremost.

Earlier this week, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency due to the first diagnosed cases of COVID-19 (the coronavirus) in Michigan. Last night, she issued guidelines for public response that called for the cancellation or postponement of public gatherings of 100 or more people. Michigan’s Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun of the Dept. of Health and Human Services, was explicit: “Large gatherings, conferences and sporting events of 100 or more should be canceled or postponed.”

Accordingly, we are announcing the following event postponements at this time:

- We are postponing Friday night’s WMS concert, Introducing Sujari Britt, at the Frauenthal Center until a later date, which will be announced as soon as possible. Patrons for Friday night’s concert are asked to hold onto their tickets, which will be honored for the rescheduled concert, or may be exchanged for a different performance.

- We are postponing Saturday night’s recital with Sujari Britt at the Block until a later date, which will be announced as soon as possible. We ask ticket holders to hold on to their tickets, which will be honored for an alternate date, or may be exchanged for a different performance.

- We are postponing Sunday afternoon’s joint concert of the West Michigan Symphony Children’s Choir and Debut Strings. We will work with the directors to identify a possible alternate date, hopefully in the near future. All tickets will be honored and carried forward to that date.

- We are postponing next Wednesday’s Movies+Music screening of Pink Floyd’s The Wall. We will announce an alternate date as soon as possible, and all tickets will be honored and carried forward to that date.

- Finally, we are postponing the remaining Click Clack Moosic concert, slated for Saturday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. and will announce a rescheduled date soon. All tickets will be honored and carried forward to that date.

At this point, we are planning to proceed as scheduled with all concerts beyond Saturday, March 21. We are in regular contact with Public Health – Muskegon County, which is monitoring situation. We will keep our patrons, the media and community partners apprised of any future change in plans.

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