A Message from SYSO Executive Leadership: Rescheduling - Moving the December 12 concert to November 21 at Benaroya Hall

Nov. 12, 2021

Dear SYSO families,

We learned on Wednesday evening that the University of Washington decided that they cannot host SYSO’s concert on December 12.

SYSO operates in compliance with the current Washington State Department of Health (DOH) COVID safety protocols for performing arts organizations. As a university, UW has its own set of protocols more restrictive than the DOH, and based on these, the University’s Environmental & Health Services department decided only recently that they are not able to host the concert at Meany Hall. SYSO attempted to work with the UW Meany Center to adjust our concert plans to comply with their COVID restrictions, but in the end, the UW Environmental & Health Services department did not approve the plan.

We have determined that the best option at this point in time is to include performances by Prelude, Symphonette, and Junior Orchestras as part of the scheduled Sunday, November 21, 3 p.m. concert at Benaroya Hall. All the SYSO musicians have been working incredibly hard in what remains a transitional and still challenging year, and we are confident that everyone will present an excellent performance, just a few weeks earlier than originally planned.

We also understand that this concert date changes families’ schedules. If your child will not be able to perform on November 21, please let your orchestra secretary know as soon as possible.

All audience members and musicians for the November 21 concert will need to follow the Benaroya Hall requirement of either providing proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test. To learn more about the specifics of Benaroya’s requirements, visit: www.seattlesymphony.org/planyourvisit

**Musicians:** If you are vaccinated and have not done so already, please upload your vaccination record on the Student Portal by Friday, November 18. When you check in at Benaroya Hall, we will have a list of students who have submitted their vaccination record on the Student Portal. If this does not apply to you, please have on hand (whether a physical copy, or on your phone) a copy of your vaccination card or negative COVID test (PCR test taken within 48 hours of arriving at Benaroya Hall, or a negative COVID-19 antigen test taken within 24 hours of arriving at Benaroya Hall) to present to the Benaroya Hall staff. Students will also be required to fill out a short health survey at check-in. Masks will be required.

**Families/Audience Members:** Please be prepared to show your ID (adults) along with a copy of your vaccination record or negative COVID test. Masks will be required.

Thank you everyone for your understanding as we navigate a world with new and varying safety protocols that continue to impact our work together. Each orchestra will be receiving more details about their performance from their orchestra secretaries in the very near future.
Tickets for the November 21 concert are general admission and only $10 per person. Purchase tickets at [HERE](#). The concert information on the ticketing website will be updated in the next few days to include all 6 ensembles.

Best regards,

Juan Felipe Molano, Music Director

Kathleen Allen, Executive Director