



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

In keeping with the guidelines set forth by the California Department of Health and the requirements of the Las Virgines Unified School District, the March 15 “Stars of the LA Winds” concert scheduled for the Performing Arts Education Center at Calabasasa High School will be postponed. As inconvenient as this may be for hundreds of our subscribers, musicians, guest students, guest artists and supporters of the LA Winds, it is clear that the health of the LA Winds family—as well as the health of our fellow citizens—should be our primary concern. And, as we have all heard, limiting large public gatherings is one way we can help to control the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

As of this point in time, several LA Winds events scheduled through August will go on as originally planned---assuming, of course, that a safe performing and listening environment can be assured. These events include performances at Pacoima Middle School, an invitation only chamber music performance at Valley Beth Shalom, our “American Composers Concert”, our “Tex Mex” dinner barbecue and our Huntington Beach Summer Concert. We’ll also let you know when our “Stars” concert and the “Mahler Project” at Temple Ahavat Shalom will be rescheduled. If you have already purchased your tickets to the “Stars” or “Mahler” concerts and find that you cannot attend these events on the rescheduled dates, we’ll be sure to set up a refund or a donation option for you.

The Board of Directors of the LA Winds has also approved plans for an exciting and uplifting 2020-2021 LA Winds season. By November—when the new season begins, we hope that this current health crisis will have been resolved. Given the long term economic and public health issues associated with this pandemic, the Board has unanimously decided to maintain (and in some cases reduce) our current audience-friendly costs for subscriptions. More to come on this.

We promise to keep you up to date on the status of upcoming LA Winds events and wish you and yours good health and safety in these challenging times. Finally, we offer our heartfelt thanks for your continued support of one of the Valley’s most treasured cultural assets—the Los Angeles Symphonic Winds.

Sincerely,

Stephen Piazza, Artistic Director, LA Winds

Dorothy Rupert, President, LA Winds Board of Directors