



**The Federation of Canadian Music Festivals
La Fédération canadienne des festivals de musique**

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COVID-19 Update

The Federation of Canadian Music Festivals [FCMF] Board of Governors and provincial delegates have made the very difficult decision to cancel the 2020 FCMF National Music Festival due to the current global COVID-19 pandemic.

In light of the federal and provincial guidelines for social distancing, many local music festivals have been required to cancel for 2020. This will undoubtedly affect plans for Provincial Music Festivals planned for later in the spring. FCMF is a grassroots movement. Without local and provincial levels of competition to recommend students forward, the FCMF National Music Festival is not viable in 2020, even if travel and social distancing restrictions are lifted by August.

We are aware that the youth participating, their teachers, their families and friends who are anticipating the FCMF National Music Festival will be disappointed with this decision. The festival is a musical highlight for the competitors involved. Each year it is a highly anticipated event.

As FCMF faces this uncertain and difficult time during the COVID-19 global pandemic, we continue to have ongoing expenses. If you are able to do so, please consider redirecting the amount of your annual donation towards operational expenses. All donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

Planning is underway for the 2021 FCMF National Music Festival to be held in Sackville, NB the week of August 8-14. We look forward to serving Canada's best emerging artists through national competition in 2021 and beyond.

On behalf of the FCMF Board of Governors, I wish you good health and wellness in the weeks and months ahead. Thank you for your anticipated support and understanding.

We look forward to seeing [and hearing!] you at the 2021 FCMF National Music Festival in Sackville, NB!

Judy Urbonas
FCMF President