**COVID-19 Update regarding U of T Music Concerts and Events**
March 13, 2020, 5:30 pm EST

As you are likely aware, organizations throughout Toronto and the world are monitoring the rapidly changing COVID-19 global pandemic. Earlier today, the University of Toronto released an important announcement from President Gertler regarding COVID-19. Therefore, effective from Monday, March 16 through Friday, April 3, 2020, all academic events, including public performances presented by the Faculty of Music, are cancelled. Patrons who have purchased tickets to concerts scheduled between March 16 and April 3 will be contacted by our Box Office directly.

After careful consideration of the University's response to the outbreak and recent updates from Toronto Public Health, we will be proceeding with the remaining three performances of U of T Opera's *Mansfield Park* (March 13, 14 and 15), as scheduled. We are following the protocols of our public health authorities for these performances:

- Limiting our audience to 250 guests
- Facilitating social distancing in MacMillan Theatre and common areas of the Edward Johnson Building
- Increasing the cleaning of common areas and high-use surfaces in the MacMillan Theatre before each performance
- Exercising caution in social interactions such as refraining from handshakes and hugs
- Ensuring access to facilities for proper handwashing and access to alcohol-based hand sanitizer in the building

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we monitor this evolving situation. For the latest information on COVID-19, please refer to the following authorities:

Toronto Public Heath
https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/diseases-medications-vaccines/coronavirus/

Ontario Public Heath
https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus

Public Health Agency of Canada
https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/symptoms.html

World Health Organization
https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus