



Dear Friends of NIH Philharmonia,

It's hard to express how deeply meaningful it will be to reunite with the vastly talented musicians of NIH Philharmonia, and with you, our loyal fans, for live performances. Living through a pandemic has been a challenge for us all, and no one is immune to the difficult conditions of Covid-19. We are about to reopen our doors to a new season and once again embrace the things most important to us. As I sat down to write this, the one word that came to mind is "grateful".

Our concerts will be varied, as usual, to accommodate the musical tastes of our ever-expanding audience. The season is filled with favorites by Bach, Beethoven, and Haydn, along with newer discoveries by Jarnefelt, Respighi, and Joplin.

As we start up again and welcome back our wonderful audiences, NIH Philharmonia is making thoughtful changes to prioritize the safety and well-being of all patrons, musicians, and volunteers. Our goal is to create an environment where people can confidently return to enjoy the music of NIH Philharmonia. We therefore require all patrons, including children, age 2 and up, to wear masks throughout the concert. Orchestra members are required to be fully vaccinated. While we do not have the staff to check the status of our audience members, we strongly urge only vaccinated people attend. We need to be safe, for everyone's sake. Thank you for your cooperation and for your understanding.

We look forward to seeing you next month.

In gratitude,
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