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Dear Santa Fe Pro Musica Community,

We'll be blunt. Our musicians need help. Unlike musicians employed by a handful of large, well-funded performing arts organizations across the country, the musicians of the Santa Fe Pro Musica Orchestra and the Pro Musica Baroque Ensemble are contracted workers. If they don't perform, they don't get paid. The Board of Trustees is extremely concerned about the welfare of our community of professional musicians in light of the coronavirus pandemic. As you most likely already know, the New Mexico Department of Health has mandated that no gatherings of 100 or more persons are to take place through mid-April. This has led to the cancellation of the last of our String Works Series concerts with the Borromeo String Quartet and the cancellation of our cherished Holy Week Baroque Ensemble program at the Loretto Chapel. With great regret, we are postponing what was to be our season finale of Haydn's *The Creation* until Spring, 2021. Cancellation or rescheduling of these performances means our musicians will be without income for some time.

To mitigate the impact on our musicians, Santa Fe Pro Musica has created a Musicians' Emergency Fund to help support them during this crisis. If you are a ticket holder to one of these cancelled or postponed events, instead of requesting a refund please consider donating the value of the ticket to the fund. The Musicians' Emergency Fund will provide compensation for lost wages directly to our musicians.

In addition, generous donors have established a \$10,000 matching challenge for cash donations to this fund. If you can, please consider a cash gift to the fund.

Donations of tickets or cash are tax-deductible as gifts to a 501(c)(3) organization. Any donations to the fund in excess of our goal of \$50,000 will be used to help fund future Santa Fe Pro Musica concerts.

Please help these outstanding musicians who provide the highest quality of music to our community.

- To convert your concert tickets into a donation to the Musicians' Emergency Fund, please call Lisa Van Sickle at (505) 910-4759.
- To make a contribution online by credit card, please go to our homepage at www.sfpromusica.org and click on the DONATE button in the top right corner.
- To make a contribution by check, please mail your check payable to "Santa Fe Pro Musica" to:

Musicians' Emergency Fund
Santa Fe Pro Musica
1512 Pacheco St., #D201
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Warm regards,

Dylan O'Reilly, Secretary, Santa Fe Pro Musica
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