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Dear Friends of Chamber Music Raleigh,

CMR tried to delay for as long as possible a final decision about the viability of the fall half of our 2020-21 season, comprising three concerts. It is clear, however, that along with so many other live events, CMR concerts will have to go on hold until it is safer to gather in public places. Moreover, concerts at the North Carolina Museum of Art are predicated on the state's phased reopening policy. Although social distancing might reasonably be maintained in the galleries, the SECU Auditorium presents different issues and may not be able to open safely at the same time.

Chamber music organizations are fortunate in that they don't require huge numbers of "super-spreaders" crowded on stage, or even large audiences. Nevertheless, CMR wants to be as cautious as possible. A few of you have already purchased season tickets when we thought there might be a chance for business as usual. Because our season is necessarily curtailed, those prices no longer apply, and you can certainly receive a refund. Also, for this season only, we will be selling tickets on an a la carte basis, just to make everyone's life simpler.

Even though in-person concerts are temporarily suspended, we hope to keep you connected to chamber music. We are looking into possible on-line streaming opportunities and perhaps even a Zoom Chamber Music Happy Hour where musicians and audience can share ideas, reminisce or even gather to discuss a particular on-line performance. We are always eager for your feedback and ideas. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

The Board of Directors and Executive Director Kaine Riggan join me in wishing you good health and safety.

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