

## MSA COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

The Missoula Symphony Association is committed to providing the safest possible conditions for its musicians, staff, recording personnel and patrons. The COVID-19 health and safety guidelines stated in this document are informed by CDC guidelines and the Missoula County Public Health Department. This information is subject to change as new information and recommendations become available and will be evaluated on a per-concert basis.

### PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE VENUE:

- Musicians are asked to monitor their health closely in the week prior to the concert. If at all possible, avoid large gatherings, unnecessary travel, and high-risk activities.
- If you have traveled out of state, it is requested you not be onsite for the Missoula Symphony Orchestra for 14 days after returning home. Alternately, you may choose to get a COVID test, 5-7 days after your return from travel. Upon receipt of a negative test, you may participate in an MSO concert.
- Anyone who has traveled for any reason to countries where a new variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, 501Y.V, has been circulating, is required to quarantine for 14 days.
- Musicians who test/have recently tested positive for COVID-19, are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or have had direct prolonged contact with someone who's tested positive are ineligible to play the concert. Please work with your medical provider and Julia and Jo May, **immediately**, to determine the appropriate course of action.
- Any musician experiencing coronavirus symptoms must test negative for COVID-19 before attending a rehearsal or performance.
- Any musician who has had direct, prolonged contact with someone who's tested positive for COVID-19 may not attend a rehearsal or performance.
- No musician will be penalized or reprimanded for not playing a concert if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have come into direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Our first priority is keeping everyone safe!
- If a musician determines he/she/they cannot play at the last minute, please contact Peter or Susi immediately so they can work on roster changes.
- Musicians who carpool together and do not live in the same household are asked to wear masks when travelling.
- Musicians and guest artists outside of Missoula County may be asked to provide a recent, negative COVID test prior to the first rehearsal. This will be dependent upon active cases in the county or state in which a musician resides.

### ARRIVAL & BUILDING ENTRY:

- All musicians and staff must enter the rehearsal/performance venue through the designated entrance. Please enter through the **MAIN DOORS** in the **FRONT** of the Venue. **DO NOT ENTER THROUGH ANY SIDE OR BACK DOORS, PLEASE!! We must take temperatures upon arrival for each rehearsal and performance. This will be done in the main lobby.**
- Entry into the Dennison Theatre/St. Anthony will be allowed under the following conditions:
- All musicians, guest artists, staff and production crew must pass a wellness screening at the main doors, in the lobby if weather is inclement, including thermometer reading. If anyone has a temperature above **100 degrees** he/she/it will not be allowed in the building.
- All event participants **must enter the building one at a time** and maintain a safe distance of at least 6-feet at all times, including onstage.
- We are limiting all people in the Venue (musicians, staff and production personnel) to no more than 50 people in accordance with our local health department.
- Please arrive early to allow additional time for temperature check.
- **Wellness Check Questions will be emailed the week of the concert and musicians are REQUIRED to answer the questions before playing with the MSO.**

- Wellness Check Questions:
  1. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 4 weeks?
  2. Have you experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days, including fever, dry cough, or shortness of breath?
  3. Have you had close contact with confirmed COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days?
  4. Do you understand and comply with the terms of the MSA Health & Safety Guidelines?
- Additionally, if a musician is experiencing ANY of the following symptoms you are asked not to attend rehearsals or the performance:
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea

#### REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCES:

- Each musician and guest artist will be provided with the MSO black cloth face mask for use during performances. Musicians may elect to wear their own solid black cloth face mask during performances if preferred. Scarves, bandanas, mesh face coverings or neck gaiters are not allowed. **MASKS WILL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN IN THE DENNISON THEATRE!**
- Each musician must wear their own CDC-compliant mask during rehearsals. If you forget your mask, we will have extra disposable masks for you to use during rehearsal. \*Flute musicians will play with the Win-D-fender air shield on their instruments and will put on a face mask at all times when they are not playing.
- All musicians, guest artists, staff, and production personnel are required to wear masks whenever in the building.
- Instrument cases and personal belongings **will be spaced at least 6-feet apart in the lobby, balcony and auditorium** of the Theatre. Please do not bring additional items into the theatre, beyond what you need to play.
- **Musicians must bring their own stands.** Please make sure stands are black. Chairs will be provided and sanitized.
- Disposable spit pads will be provided for wind and brass players for each rehearsal and concert.
- Hand sanitizer will be placed around the theatre and everyone is asked to use it frequently.
- Disinfecting cleaning wipes will be available for musicians' use.
- Guests are not allowed in rehearsals or backstage at any time.
- No food or drink with the exception of water bottles will be allowed in the auditorium or on stage.
- Doors will be opened during rehearsals and performances for fresh air and we will take frequent air breaks during rehearsals and performances, in order to maintain good air circulation in the theatre.

**\*\*IF AT ANY TIME YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE WITH A REHEARSAL OR CONCERT SITUATION, PLEASE CONTACT JO MAY, JULIA, OR PETER IMMEDIATELY!!**

Thank you for keeping safety a priority as we provide this virtual concert season to the Missoula community. And, thank you for your patience as we navigate the rapidly changing COVID-19 environment.

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