

Letter From National Concerto Competition Committee

Postponement of 2020 Final

To all involved in some way with The National Concerto Competition

Dear Friends,

Recent days have been tumultuous and fast-moving, with countries racing to protect their populations from the coronavirus. The announcement by our Prime Minister late Saturday afternoon has had an immediate consequence. One of our competitors was due to arrive Monday morning at 7 am, seven hours after the deadline set by the Prime Minister. This means he would be compelled to self-isolate for 14 days, removing any chance of him competing this Saturday.

Since the final of this competition is only days away, the trustees of the National Concerto Competition have decided not to wait for more Government announcements due early this week. Instead we wish to inform you immediately that the decision has been taken to postpone this event.

As chairman of this committee I can assure you that a lot of consultation took place this weekend before coming to this conclusion. We all feel for our three young competitors, who have spent the summer preparing entire concertos for this exciting moment in their lives, only to find that extraordinary circumstances have forced a significant delay to this concert.

Because several parties are involved, we need to discuss postponement plans with all of them. We are therefore unable to indicate a date and venue at this point, other than to say that we are aiming for the second half of the year. Current tickets will no longer be valid. Ticketek will send you new tickets once the postponement date has been confirmed.

I look forward to communicating with you again shortly with more details.

Best wishes to you all,

Michael Lawrence

Chair NCC Trustees Committee