



Dear Patrons,

While our world confronts the tremendous challenges created by the COVID-19 crisis, we sincerely hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We have heard from so many of you and your on-going support for the Jacksonville Symphony is deeply appreciated.

As we are truly in historic and constantly evolving times with enormous global uncertainty, we thought it was important to reach out and provide you with an update on the Jacksonville Symphony.

Your beloved musicians continue to practice from home each day, and soon you will see personal videos that a few of them have created for the community. As you are probably aware, some members of the orchestra, along with our very talented production, artistic and marketing teams have created streaming concerts for you to view each Friday. Soon you will see an expanded marketing effort designed to keep you well informed and connected to the Jacksonville Symphony.

While we have been forced to cancel performances through May 8<sup>th</sup>, we know that music has the power to keep us together, to bring us joy during these very stressful times and to give us hope for a better future. Please know how deeply we appreciate your continued generosity, advocacy and commitment to the Jacksonville Symphony. We really are all in this together. Your on-going compassion and love for music will make a lasting difference for us. Now is the time for communities to rally around their arts organizations, because when this crisis ends, and it will, we will once again experience the breathless joy of enjoying a performance together, and the transformational magic that takes place between artist and audience. And thanks to you, the Jacksonville Symphony will be cherished for many generations to come.

The Jacksonville Symphony is clearly facing the greatest challenge in its history. If you can and are interested in helping the Symphony, please consider a donation

at this time. You can make a donation via the link below. Please know how deeply grateful we are for your generosity.

Eric Klineberg is professor of sociology and director of the Institute for Public Knowledge at New York University. While contemplating recently about the effects of the COVID-19 virus on society, he wrote, "*The coronavirus pandemic is going to cause immense pain and suffering. But it will force us to reconsider who we are and what we value, and in the long run, it could help us rediscover the better version of ourselves.*"

Together we will get through this challenging time. Together we will rediscover the better version of ourselves. Together we will experience the joy of music.

Thank you,



Steven Libman

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