UofT Music - Covid-19 Update

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RE: UofT Music COVID-19 Update

To all Students, Staff, and Faculty:

In the light of the rapidly evolving situation concerning the COVID-19 pandemic and recent communications from the university, we are reminding our undergraduate and graduate students that they may leave Toronto (go home) and will not be required to return to campus for the remainder of the semester or for the final exam period. Details related to our different types of instruction are provided below. University buildings will be locked as of midnight tonight (Tuesday, March 17, 2020). This includes the Faculty of Music’s Edward Johnson Building (and its Music Library) and 90 Wellesley Street buildings. Only emergency services staff with approved key or fob access will be permitted in these buildings until further notice. We will be stationing someone at the EJB main door from 10 AM – 12 Noon on Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19 to assist with instrument pickup or drop-off and also at the 90W front door during the same hours for instrument pickup only (T-card identification required).

All applied teaching is cancelled for the semester. Person-to-person instruction is not permitted.

All undergraduate juries and recitals are cancelled; they will not be rescheduled. All Advanced Certificate in Performance recitals and all Masters recitals are cancelled; they will not be rescheduled. We know that students and faculty alike will be disappointed that students will not be able to showcase the artistic progress they have made this year, but the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff must be our priority at this time. Students will receive credit for these performance activities, and the exact mechanism for grading them will be communicated soon.

All large and small ensemble rehearsals and performances remain cancelled. Grades will be based on work completed in these courses; ensemble leaders and chamber music coordinators will communicate with students around these changes.

No in-person final exams will be conducted during the exam period. Instructors will be in touch with their classes about the completion of courses. In some cases, the exam will be delivered in an alternate format or as a different type of assessment; in other cases due to the nature of the course, the weighting of the final performance activities will be re-distributed across course components already completed. Instructors will be in touch with their classes about changes to course marking schemes.

The Faculty of Arts & Science has permitted students to request late withdrawals from S and Y courses; the deadline to do so is April 25, 2020. We are extending the same policy on Arts & Science electives to Faculty of Music students; if you are interested in a late withdrawal from an Arts & Science elective, please contact registrar.music@utoronto.ca. In addition, due to the exceptional circumstances, the Faculty of Music will also be extending the option of Credit/No Credit (CR/NCR) to Arts & Sciences
electives taken this term. Students will be permitted to see their grades before selecting CR/NCR. The Registrar’s Office will communicate further details on how this will be facilitated.

**Faculty of Music administrative offices will be closed for in-person student services as of 4:30 PM Tuesday, March 17, 2020.** Support staff will be working from home with remote access to work materials. Closures include, among others, the Registrar’s Office, Performance Office, and Graduate Office. Staff in these offices will remain accessible via phone or email, although they will be working from home in the coming days. We will communicate via email when these offices re-open for in-person student services.

**Undergraduate students** with concerns or questions about their studies, should direct their questions to registrar.music@utoronto.ca or 416–978–3740 or Associate Dean Academic & Student Affairs, Ryan McClelland at ryan.mcclelland@utoronto.ca.

**Graduate students** with concerns or questions about their studies, should direct their questions to grad.music@utoronto.ca or 416–978–5772 or Associate Dean Graduate Jeff Packman at jeff.packman@utoronto.ca.

I draw students’ attention to **mental health resources** available at: [https://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/feeling-distressed](https://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/feeling-distressed).

We appreciate the considerable stress and disruption the evolving COVID-19 situation is causing, and we will continue to provide regular updates to the Faculty of Music community. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together to navigate this complex situation.

With best wishes to all in trying circumstances,

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