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Subject: FW: Please read all - Music at St. Mary's COVID-19 update

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Dear St. Mary's University Music Students, Faculty and Staff,

Thank you again for supporting each other through our time of need. The best way for us to proceed is to communicate well, and take care of each other. We all have individual and collective goals that we have been planning for. However, we are not in an ideal situation. It is now for us to move forward collectively in a way that best serves everyone. We will lead by example and in service of others.

A few minutes ago, President Mengler informed the St. Mary's community of the following:

- "First, St. Mary's University has extended spring break by one week for students, through the week of Monday, March 16. The campus remains open, and faculty and staff will continue campus operations.
- Second, beginning the week of March 23, all St. Mary's University classes will resume in a fully online format for the remainder of the spring semester. Please watch for additional updates next week.
- Third, out of an abundance of caution and in keeping with the recommendations of government and health officials to limit crowd sizes and group gatherings, the University is in the process of canceling many campus events, including student activities and other academic events, planned on campus through April 30, 2020."

What this means for the Department of Music specifically

- All next week, I will be training faculty to deliver online instruction.
- Stay in communication for updates in regarding our online databases and strategies.
- Get your instruments, books, and other resources. The department will be open next week.
- I have been working with other institutions around the country to find the best practices for online instruction specific to university music departments.

o I also welcome your ideas. Time to get creative!

Concerts and Recitals.

- As of now, everything will need to be cancelled for the rest of the semester.
- I will be working with students, faculty, and staff to find ways to reschedule, postpone, etc. There is opportunity to reschedule student recitals to later dates.

From the March 11, 2020 notification

Regarding University Housing

The University is discouraging students from returning to campus unless necessary to gather essential items, such as computers and study materials.

- If remaining off-campus for the extended break is not an option, please contact the Office of Residence Life by calling 210-431-4312 or emailing reslife@stmarytx.edu.
- Students living on campus will receive further guidance from the Office of Residence Life.

Working Resource Examples

- Smart Music is offering free subscriptions through the end of the semester.
- Berlin Philharmonic is offering their Digital Concert Hall for free for the next 30 days.
- UHual is offering storage for college students
- Other businesses are offering assistance. Share if you hear others that would be helpful to us.

Where do we go from here Everyone is stressed.

Everyone needs answers.

Be kind.

Ask questions.

Stay informed and engaged.

Continue our shared sense of community.

We are all looking for comfort in these challenging times.

This new environment is testing us.

Everything we do affects others.

We are the creative ones.

Bring solutions.

Bring comfort.

Bring it together.

Sincerely,

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