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Dear Ravenna Strings and Friends,

I hope everyone is staying safe and somehow getting through this terrible public health crisis. There is no getting around that this is a bizarre, difficult and painful time.

I have been in communication with Seattle Parks. As of this writing, they have no expectation of opening the community centers for anything other than day-care for the Fall term. While theoretically we might try to find another place to rehearse, the reality is that we are unlikely to be in Phase 4 by September/October and there will be no safe venues until we're in Phase 4. I will keep everyone informed as the situation develops.

It is especially frustrating not to have the healing power of music in our lives. I encourage you to find ways to play, to listen and to 'think musically'. Nathan and I may send out some links for your amusement/edification. But there is no substitute for making music together. As soon as conditions allow, we will be back!

Take care,

Joseph Pollard White, Director
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