

WASO STATEMENT Sunday 15 March 2020

WASO CONCERT PERFORMANCES SUSPENDED UNTIL END OF APRIL

The health, safety and wellbeing of our patrons and employees is always our priority.

We continue to actively monitor and manage WASO's response to the Coronavirus outbreak, engaging with relevant health authorities and making decisions guided by their advice. In light of the Australian Government's recommendation on Friday that all organised, non-essential gatherings of 500 people or more should not proceed, and to play our role in limiting the opportunity for Coronavirus to spread in the community, we have decided that all upcoming WASO performances at Perth Concert Hall will be suspended until the end of April 2020.

Ticket holders will be contacted directly on what they can do to arrange exchanges to alternate events or refunds. For those patrons who cannot exchange tickets but would like to support our mission to touch souls and enrich lives through music, please consider donating part or all of the value of your tickets back to WASO so that we can let the music play on from May.

WASO relies on the financial support and generosity of the community to operate. We would like to thank the Federal and West Australian Governments, our corporate partners and patrons for their continuing support at this difficult time.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The following events have been cancelled and ticket holders will be contacted directly:

Asher Fisch, Mozart and Bruckner - Friday 20 & Saturday 21 March The Best of Rodgers and Hammerstein - Friday 3 & Saturday 4 April. Bach's Easter Oratorio - Wednesday 8 April Tchaikovsky's Pathétique – Thursday 16, Friday 17 & Saturday 18 April Playing with Fire - Thursday 23 April

The following events have been postponed and ticket holders will be contacted directly: Ben Folds with WASO - originally Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 March. New concert date to be announced this week for January 2021.

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