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A Message from Maestro Joseph Stepec

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Dear Students and Parents -

I know that these are uncertain times, but if you've ever been through an ordeal before, you know as well as I do that storms do pass, and that fog does lift - it's a matter of course and nature.

I know that the news of our season's cancellation will come to you as a disappointment; the decision that was made considered all possibilities; recent directives from our state and federal officials made it clear that we must suspend our in-person activities for now.

What I want you to know is this: the music does not stop here. It must continue. We have examples all around us on social media of artists performing virtual concerts, duos and more. This is a time for you to grow, to study and to test your creativity to the limit. Use this time well, it is really your most precious resource.

These times will end and when they do, I look forward to making music with you.

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