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TSO announces cancellation of remainder of 2020 season due to COVID-19 restrictions;

New streamed series launched: *Friday Night Live*

The **Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra** today announces the cancellation of the remainder of its 2020 season. The decision was reached after consideration of Government Department of Health and Public Health Services Tasmania advice regarding mass gathering and physical distancing restrictions. Additionally, border closures, immigration and visa issuance, quarantine requirements and significantly reduced air travel have contributed to the orchestra's ability to present the concerts planned for the rest of the year.

TSO CEO Caroline Sharpen said, 'It is with enormous regret that we announce that the TSO 2020 concert season has been cancelled in full. The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has had a dramatic impact on live performance and arts organisations around the world. Following careful weighing up of all factors, we have made the decision to cancel the remainder of the 2020 season.'

The concerts cancelled are:

SONG OF NORWAY (22 August, Hobart)
BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH (28 August, Hobart)
JUANITA THE SPANISH LOBSTER (10 September, Hobart, 11 September, Launceston)
EARTH SPIRIT MASS (19 September, Hobart)
TSO BRASS IN ST DAVID'S CATHEDRAL (8 October, Hobart)
BEETHOVEN'S TRIPLE (16 October, Hobart)
AN EVENING IN VIENNA (23 October, Launceston, 24 October, Hobart)
LA TRAVIATA (31 October, Hobart)
FRENCH CONNECTIONS (6 November, Hobart)
SERENADE FOR STRINGS (12 November, Burnie, 14 November, Hobart)
PERIANES PLAYS BEETHOVEN (21 November, Hobart)
BEETHOVEN'S EMPEROR (28 November, Hobart)

Subscribers and ticket buyers are entitled to a full refund. The TSO Box Office remains open daily between 10am and 4pm and can be contacted on 1800 001 190 or email boxoffice@tso.com.au.

From 30 October the TSO will be presenting a new streamed concert offering, **Friday Night Live**, a weekly series of performances. Broadcast live from Federation Concert Hall and the TSO Studio, **Friday Night Live** will be concerts of around 50 minutes featuring a range of TSO ensembles performing programs curated by TSO musicians and including pre-concert introductions and

interviews, a chance to put questions to musicians and lots more. Livestreamed at 7pm at a cost of \$22.50 per concert, more details will follow in the coming weeks.

#TSODailyDose continues to be broadcast each day at 8am on the TSO's [YouTube Channel](#), until 18 September when it switches to weekly episodes. The TSO's 2021 concert season, which has been designed to respond to changing conditions, will be announced later this year.

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