

HONENS MEDIA RELEASE

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HONENS CANCELS 2020 FESTIVAL

CALGARY, AB, April 29, 2020—In response to Alberta’s public health order prohibiting public events until the end of August, Honens has decided not to move forward with its 2020 Festival, which was scheduled to take place from September 10 to 13.

“Though this is disappointing,” said Neil Edwards, Honens’ President & CEO, “Honens remains committed to the well-being and safety of its guest artists, staff, volunteers, and audience members. For now, we will continue working towards the 2021 Competition as we, once again, welcome the world to Calgary.”

The 2021 Honens International Piano Competition takes place from October 14 to 22, 2021.

Backgrounder Attached

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BACKGROUND

ABOUT HONENS

The Honens International Piano Competition takes place every three years and is considered one of the world's most prestigious events of its kind. Honens prepares its Laureates for the rigours and realities of professional careers in music and creates opportunities for growth and exposure. The annual Honens Festival is one of Canada's premier classical music events, intended to share Mrs. Honens' love of world renowned music with Albertans every year.

Esther Honens created a legacy of musical excellence to be enjoyed for generations. In 1991, knowing she was near the end of her life, Mrs. Honens gave \$5 million to endow an international piano competition in her hometown of Calgary, Canada. Her generosity, vision, and love of music continue to touch the lives of Calgarians, Canadians, musicians, and music-lovers around the world.

Honens Legacy Partners support the ongoing growth and development of Esther Honens' vision by securing the organization's future. The Legacy Partners Endowment Fund enables Honens to provide wide-reaching programming through its annual festival, and other enriching community education and outreach initiatives.