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Norfolk County Music Festival 2021

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It is with great pleasure I am writing to let you know the plans we have for the Norfolk County Music Festival 2021. For obvious reasons the Festival will be very different this time and the attached syllabus clearly reflects the changes we have had to make.

The lack of music performance has affected both audience members and performers since March 2020 and with this in mind the NCMF Trustees are determined there should be a 'live' element to the 2021 Festival if at all possible.

It is our intention to provide solo and duet instrumental classes and solo singing classes at the Central Baptist Church (CBC) on Duke Street and the first section of the syllabus covers this element of the Festival.

Please rest assured we will be putting systems in place to create a 'Covid secure' environment and we are consulting with various organisations including the MU, BIFF and Norwich City Council to ensure safety for all those involved.

The second section provides classes which it would be impossible to hold in public and includes trios, quartets *etc.* as well as larger ensembles and jazz, rock, and pop. These online classes would feature a video recording of the performance to be uploaded to the 'cloud' (using our secure system) for an adjudicator to view and provide feedback via video. More detail is provided in the syllabus and recording advice will be given nearer the time.

If circumstances at the time make it impossible to hold a live Festival, then we plan to take ALL the classes online in an effort to give as much opportunity to perform to as many people as possible.

With a heavy heart I must announce the cancellation of the 'School Choirs' classes at St Andrew's Hall and indeed all group singing classes. These classes have been a highlight of the Festival for many years and please be assured they will return as soon as conditions allow.

Alex Girdlestone

Chairman of Norfolk County Music Festival

