

(英文公表文)

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Dear Members ,Frends and Promoters,

CANCELATION NOTICE of Opening Concert of Beethoven Chamber Music Concert Series  
“Beethoven Rediscover” (April 18, 2020 at Urayasu Music Hall)

We would like to thank you for your continuous support to the activities of our association (APA), but today we are very regretful to announce the CANCELATION OF THE CONCERT.

To explain the background, we have been preparing for the concert since the beginning of 2019(led by the Board members), however, as we all know, with the spread of the new coronavirus infection after the beginning of 2020, the government has requested large scaled interregional-level events to be cancelled, postponed or down-sized, and national-level elementary and junior high schools have been closed. There is a growing trend to watch for further spread of infection in various areas. In response to this, there have been a number of movements at the national level, such as the cancellation of various concerts and the production of audience-free performances, as well as APA's regular meeting activities, salon concerts and music presentations hosted by each member or local cell organizations of APA.

In light of these circumstances, we have been discussing whether it would be appropriate to hold this concert on schedule or cancel, watching the movements of the government and another amateur music societies. The members of the Board of Directors differ greatly in the way we think about the risk of infection at concerts, however, 1) considering the WHO (World Health Organization) announced that the spread of this infection is a “pandemic” (March 11), it is not possible to see the extent of the infection for the time being, 2) we are not able to hold the concert that meets all requirements issued by a local government where the concert venue is located, and 3) if the decision to hold a concert is postponed any longer, it is expected that the negative impact on preparation for the concert will increase. Many board members think that it would be difficult for us to hold the concert as scheduled with confidence. Last night, it is with disappointment, Board Meeting decided to CANCEL THE CONCERT by voting.

We are very sorry for those who are preparing to participate in this concert, or for the audience and other people who are looking forward to attending. We hope you understand this situation.

If you have already booked a ticket for this concert on April 18, we will inform you of its cancelation by e-mail from the secretary of APA.

Wishing all good health,

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Chairman of Japan Amateur Performers Association(APA)

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