



News Update

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Rockport Music cancels all events until late June, including opening weeks of the Rockport Chamber Music Festival

As a result of these unprecedented times due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Rockport Music has made the difficult decision to cancel events through June 22, including the opening two and a half weeks of the Rockport Chamber Music Festival. Currently, Rockport Music plans to hold the first non-classical concert with **Pokey LaFarge on June 23** and to **launch the Rockport Chamber Music Festival on June 27 with the Miró Quartet and Anthony McGill**. Artistic Director Barry Shiffman adds:

This was a Festival opening that I was really looking forward to sharing and we had lined up such an extraordinary cast of musicians. It is heartbreaking to have to cancel. We continue to be optimistic about holding our annual Summer Gala and maintaining a precious portion of our beloved Rockport Chamber Music Festival. We hope you share this optimism.

Rockport Music continues to monitor the situation and will follow the Governor's recommendations, so these plans may be adjusted further as the Coronavirus crisis develops. Based upon the current plans, Rockport Music anticipates having the remaining summer concerts and events on sale to the public on **May 7 for subscriptions** and **May 14 for single events**. However, Rockport Music will continue to provide the latest updates as the situation develops

Please visit our website rockportmusic.org for the latest details on cancelled events as well as upcoming concerts. Rockport Music is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and is supported in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



ABOUT ROCKPORT MUSIC

Founded in 1981 as the Rockport Chamber Music Festival, Rockport Music presents exceptional concerts and cultural events in the "stunning acoustics and dramatic setting" (*Boston Globe*) of the Shalin Liu Performance Center. Best known for its summer chamber music festival featuring some of the world's finest ensembles and soloists, Rockport Music has expanded its offerings to include year-round presentations of jazz, folk, pop, and world music, high-definition broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera and National Theatre (London), and special film presentations. Education and community outreach activities serve nearly 10,000 students and adults throughout Cape Ann and the North Shore annually.