



Westwinds Music Society
Room 38B8 – 2526 Battleford Ave. SW
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

January 26, 2022

Re: Resumption of Rehearsals

Dear members:

I know many of you have been asking whether Westwinds will be resuming rehearsals for the second half of the 2021/2022 season. Tonight, members of the board met to discuss that question and we have decided that we will resume rehearsals, beginning next Monday, January 31.

We have also examined the number of registrations in each of our ensembles. We had asked in early January for all members to please register prior to the 23rd, so that we would have a basis for determining the financial and artistic viability of each ensemble. Based on those numbers, we are unable to offer our combined Green Band/Choir program and we are unable to offer Silver Concert Band. Neither of these groups at present have enough returning members to be viable for the second half of this season.

The Westwinds Board meets this coming Sunday to verify these decisions and make them official in the society's minutes, so if you have been a member of Silver Concert Band or are interested in our Green Band/Choir and opted not to register by the 23rd, you still have a couple of days to get your registration completed and possibly reverse the board's decision regarding these two groups.

Finally, although some progress has been made toward understanding the Omicron variant of Covid-19, and although some sources say that we have already seen the worst, Omicron continues to be highly transmissible and a source of concern, so as we return to rehearsals, we urge you to take responsibility for the health and well-being of the members of your ensemble. Continue to listen to your bodies and if you have the slightest doubt about being 100% healthy, stay home and arrange for a test. Wear your masks when you can and maintain your distancing as best you can. Most of all, be cautious and aware in the rest of your lives. The likelihood of contracting Covid-19 in a Westwinds rehearsal among vaccinated people is fairly low compared to the likelihood of contracting it outside Westwinds.

Be vigilant!

Yours in Music

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