



**Westwinds Music Society**

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

**August 19, 2021**

Re: Fall, 2021: Moving Forward

Dear Members,

Members of the board have received an increasing number of questions from members, all basically asking “What’s Westwinds going to do this fall?” We have NOT forgotten you. Unfortunately, not all the news is good.

As you know, we have been planning for a return to a full rehearsal schedule beginning in September. Sadly, the Calgary Public and Catholic School Boards met this week, and decided that public rental of school facilities will once again be postponed until at least January, 2022. We are extremely disappointed and frustrated at this decision, but Calgary Recreation’s ability to rent us our band rehearsal facilities depends on the decisions of the School Boards, and we have no influence on those decisions. The board is searching for alternate rehearsal facilities.

Lakeview Church has indicated that they will be renting us rehearsal space for our choirs. We will re-confirm that with the church early next week, but our current position is that Westwinds’ choirs will begin regular season rehearsals the week of September 13. We are also hopeful that Lakeview will be the venue for a Westwinds open house on Wednesday September 8.

The other question on everyone’s minds is what Westwinds will be doing regarding Covid-19. At our recent board meeting, the board determined that to provide as safe and healthy a rehearsal environment as possible for the entire Westwinds family, a pre-requisite for membership in Westwinds for the 2021/2022 season will be proof of two Covid-19 vaccinations. Further, a list of health checks has been developed and will be posted on the Westwinds web site, communicated to members, and posted at the entrance to rehearsals. Please see the contents of that list below. Decisions regarding masks, bell covers, and distancing remain outstanding at this time.

Your board continues to work towards a safe, healthy return to a full Westwinds rehearsal program. Part of that work depends on decisions to be made by others this week. Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to progress toward returning to normal.

Best regards,

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Artistic Director  
Westwinds Music Society

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Bruce Robin  
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## Westwinds Rehearsal Health Checklist

Westwinds seeks to provide a safe and healthy rehearsal environment for all its members. Please DO NOT attend your rehearsal if any of the following apply to you:

1. If you have knowingly been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19
2. If you have new or worsening symptoms of the following:
  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of Breath
  - Runny Nose
  - Sore Throat
  - Chills
  - Conjunctivitis (“Pink Eye”)
3. If you are experiencing any of the following:
  - Painful Swallowing
  - Nasal Congestion
  - Nausea, Vomiting or Diarrhea
  - Unexplained loss of appetite
  - Loss of sense of taste or smell
  - Muscle or Joint Aches
  - Headache
4. If you are generally feeling unwell or fatigued

If any of the above applies to you, Westwinds strongly suggests you arrange for a Covid-19 test and that you either receive a negative test result, feel well, or both before returning to rehearsal.