

Dearest Friends!

It is my absolute pleasure to be in communication with you as we prepare to present the first LIVE vocal concert in Vermont since the Covid 19 pandemic uprooted all of our artistic ambitions for 2020. I am so grateful to you for your support of BARN OPERA and your willingness to be our first audience of 2020!

To that end, there are some housekeeping things that I need to tell you, so that you are fully aware of how this concert will go, and what to expect upon your arrival at the Isham Family Farm in Williston, or the Estabrook Park in Brandon. The basic set up for both locations will be the same, but considering venue differences, I will articulate exactly what will to be expected.

***Williston - Isham Family Farm - 3515 Oak Hill Road, Williston, VT 05495***

Arrival: Follow signs and other cars to park your vehicle. You will then walk along the path, following signs to the barn. Please feel free to arrive anytime between 5:30-7:00 and use the ample property to have a picnic dinner, a glass of wine, or a combination of the two. We will not be providing any refreshment for this event. NB: While you do not have to have masks on while picnicking, please do maintain social distance.

Greeting: At 6:30, the “doors” will open, and you will check-in with a BARN OPERA representative, who will check 3 criteria:

- 1) To ensure that you have a facial covering, which will be required for the duration of the performance. If you did not bring a facial covering yourself, we will provide one for you.
- 2) To determine that your temperature is below 100.3, per the CDC guidelines. We will use an infrared thermometer that will not touch you, but will be close to your forehead.
- 3) To verify that the ticketholder is in attendance for contact tracing purposes.

As soon as all three elements are verified, you will be welcome to enter the sanitized and cleaned performance venue.

Inside the venue: There was an inability in the ticketing site to accurately depict the organization of the socially distant space between seats, so in order to accommodate as many patrons as possible, we have decided that the space will be general admission, with seat arrangements of 2 - 2- 1 - 2 per row. When you enter the space and determine your party's seat/s, please do not change locations, as each seat has been sanitized for your safety and security. Also, the seats have been placed at an exact distance, in order to maintain safety standards. Please do not move any seat, whatsoever.

The traffic inside the venue is one way, from back to front. If you require the use of the facilities, please head toward the stage, and out the door on the left marked “exit.” To return, enter through the door that you initially came in, and proceed to your seat, staying in the middle of the center aisle.

Intermission: Please head toward the stage, keeping social distance in the middle aisle, and turn left out the door labeled exit. Feel free to stretch your legs, go outside, walk around the property, enjoy another sip of wine, and reunite with your friends and neighbors, talking about how much you are enjoying the show! There will be a large bell that will ring to signify the beginning of the second part.

After the performance: Follow the same protocol as intermission. Once you exit the barn after the show, please head toward your vehicle, and maintain your facial covering until your party is in your vehicle.

## **Estabrook Park - 760 Grove Street, Brandon, VT 05733**

Arrival: Follow signs and turn down the hill toward the large drive-in movie screen to park your vehicle. You will then walk along the path toward the bridge connecting the parking area and the secured performance area. Please feel free to arrive anytime after 6:00p, check in, and have a picnic dinner, a glass of wine, or a combination of the two in your private 10x10 area. We will not be providing any refreshment for this event. NB: While you do not have to have masks on while picnicking in your space, please do maintain social distance by staying within the marked pink lines, and wear a facial covering when anywhere outside that space.

NB\* THERE ARE NO CHAIRS AT THIS LOCATION. PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR, BLANKET, FOOD, LIBATION, AS THERE WILL NOT BE ANY AVAILABLE.

Greeting: At 6:00, the “doors” will open, and you will check-in with a BARN OPERA representative, who will check 3 criteria:

- 1) To ensure that you have a facial covering, which will be required for every patron, when not inside the designated squares, for the duration of the performance. If you did not bring a facial covering yourself, we will provide one for you.
- 2) To determine that your temperature is below 100.3, per the CDC guidelines. We will use an infrared thermometer that will not touch you, but will be close to your forehead.
- 3) To verify that the ticketholder is in attendance for contact tracing purposes.

As soon as all three elements are verified, you will be welcome to enter the performance venue space. Cross the bridge, and walk toward the letter that corresponds to your ticket, which will be issued at the bridge. (SEE DIAGRAM BELOW)

Inside the venue: There was an inability in the ticketing site to accurately depict the organization of the socially distant space between seats, so in order to accommodate as many patrons as possible, we have determined that your party's squares will be selected at the gate.

The traffic at the venue will be one way, from back to front and in ascending number. If you require the use of the facilities, please continue on the “lettered” aisle to find the restrooms, which are just beyond the highest numbered square.

Intermission: Please keep social distance in the aisles, but feel free to stretch your legs, walk around the property using established directionality, enjoy another sip of wine, and reunite with your friends and neighbors, talking about how much you are enjoying the show!

After the performance: The directionality of the aisles will reverse, going in the direction of the parking lot. Ushers will encourage this as well. After the show, please cross the bridge and head toward your vehicle, and maintain your facial covering until your party is in your vehicle.

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While these circumstances are less than ideal, we are so grateful to you for your support of live music, and musicians in this very unique and trying time! We are all breathless with excitement to present this program of all of our operatic and musical theatre favorites!

Until soon, stay well, and all my absolute best.

Joshua Collier  
Artistic Director, BARN OPERA

Estabrook Park: 9/12/20



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B →	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
C →	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
D →	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
E →	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
F →	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
G →	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
H →	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
I →	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1