

# Porcupine Music Festival de Musique

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Dear Festival Family,

It is with sincere regret that we announce the cancellation of the 2020 Porcupine Music Festival de Musique (PMFM). Acting under clear direction from both the Provincial and Federal governments, the PMFM is committed to doing its part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and encourage social distancing. The health and safety of our participants, teachers, family members, volunteers and our community at large is of paramount importance.

This is the first time in its 80 year history the Festival has been cancelled. We understand the feeling of disappointment with which this message is being received, as all of our participants, their teachers and parents have worked tirelessly to prepare for this beloved annual event. In particular, we wish to recognize and thank those students for whom this was to be their last Festival. We hope you will always hold your Festival experiences close to your hearts.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the efforts of our Board of Directors, donors, benefactors, and volunteers, without whom this festival would cease to exist.

At this time, we would ask that you share this information openly with participants, their families and your respective networks. Your support as we navigate the administrative logistics is greatly appreciated.

To those who submitted entry fees, purchased advertising space or donated scholarships for this year's Festival, our volunteer Board members will be reaching out in the very near future.

In the interim, we encourage you to keep music as a source of comfort as we all work towards a healthier state of affairs.

Yours in music,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ME Pauli".

Mary Ellen Pauli  
President  
Porcupine Music Festival de Musique