

Letter from the Podium

[Fall 2020]

Dear Friend of DMCO,

The Des Moines Community Orchestra has been eagerly anticipating the time when we could again rehearse together and perform for you. Due to the continuing complications and uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, we have decided to suspend our Fall Concert and our traditional Celebrate and Sing *Messiah*! It is our sincere hope that we might be able to resume our season in January of 2021. We will keep everyone posted as the situation continues to develop.

In the meantime, we have been working on some virtual performance opportunities. The finishing touches are being put on a full orchestra performance of the Farandole from George Bizet's *L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2* and it should be posted soon. In addition, we are arranging for small group performances by orchestra members to be recorded live and presented virtually. We want to present these performances as a show of our appreciation for your ongoing support.

Until we have the chance to again experience the joy of sharing music together, we hope you will look to our website (desmoinescommunityorchestra.org) and our Facebook page for the most current information.

Stay safe,
Carl

Carl B. Johnson
Music Director and Conductor