



December, 2020

Dear Friends and Supporters,

2020 has likely been the most difficult year for musicians in United States history. The COVID-19 pandemic singlehandedly removed all working engagements and opportunities for professional performers, educators, and composers. The Musicians Foundation is needed by the music community now more than ever.

Your support will ensure we can help as many musicians as possible.

In response to the initial closings and cancellations, the Foundation created the CV19 Emergency Relief Aid Grant Program, allowing musicians to easily apply for micro grants. Since mid-March, close to 1,500 grants have been sent to musicians across all genres in nearly every state in the country. Our aid is fast and covers essentials, *but it is not enough.*

As an agile organization, we modified our operations to dedicate 100% of our program resources to COVID-19 emergency relief. This meant that our traditional grant program, which for decades gave larger grants up to \$3,000, had to be suspended so we could respond to the 600% increase in new applications.

We plan to resume giving traditional grants in 2021, as bills have been mounting for musicians during this time of crisis. Your donation will make this goal possible.

The Musicians Foundation's mission to "...advance the condition and social welfare of professional musicians..." needs your help. We are a direct aid organization with one focus - musicians. Donations go to the artists in need. When you support the Foundation, your gift helps a guitarist with past-due rent, covers a trumpeter's dental care, pays part of a music teacher's cancer treatment, and more.

Please make your tax-deductible donation today. You can donate once, on a recurring basis, or in the form of a bequest or legacy gift. Return the enclosed donation card or visit musiciansfoundation.org/donate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B.C. Vermeersch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

B.C. Vermeersch, *Executive Director*

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