

To Our Friends,

It doesn't seem all that long ago that we were looking forward to bringing you a new season of exciting concerts, with the additional pleasure of introducing the finalists in our search for Arcadia Players' new Artistic Director. Now, we join so many other arts organizations in disappointment at not being able to put our ideas into action, while wrestling with the uncertainty of planning in the face of ever-shifting timelines and conditions.

While our current season is suspended, we are working hard to prepare for the future. Exercising what we hope is reasonable optimism, we have rescheduled the *Theile St. Matthew Passion* concert for the end of March, 2021. Of course, we will keep in touch about any changes in these plans. Your safety and that of our neighbors and musicians is foremost in our thinking and will ultimately govern our decisions.

In the meantime, I'm happy to announce that in December we'll be offering you an opportunity to experience last year's wonderful *Messiah* performance, directed by Woodrow Bynum and filmed in concert at Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Easthampton. We'll have details soon.

We're also working with the group of exciting candidates who have applied to become Arcadia Players' next Artistic Director. Once we are able to resume normal operations, each finalist will design and lead a concert so that you will be able to meet them and hear their musicmaking in person. It's a time we look forward to with great eagerness.

Until then, we will continue working towards a vibrant future for Arcadia Players. Thank you for your interest and for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Solins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jon Solins
President, Board of Directors