As of March 12, 2020, the Provincial Health Officer has requested the cancellation of all gathering of 250 people or more. In response to this requirement, the Farquhar at UVic, and the University of Victoria, will cancel any institutional events at the Farquhar. We are requiring that all rental clients cancel or reschedule upcoming events at the venue that will have 250+ attendees/participants.

The health and safety of our audiences, artists and staff are our top priority and we are closely monitoring the COVID19 situation. The Farquhar’s approach to managing this situation is guided by the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Provincial Health Officer. UVic has created a COVID19 website www.uvic.ca/covid-19/. We recommend visitors refer to this website in advance of attending any events on campus for updates and other news.

The Farquhar will ensure that ticket-holders are made aware of cancellations as soon as possible. We will post updates about the changes to our schedule on our website and social media.

We are taking a number of preventative measures to ensure the health and safety of all who attend events at the Farquhar. These include:

- Cancelling all UVic and Farquhar events of 250 or more participants
- Requiring that venue renters cancel or reschedule events of 250 or more participants
- Asking those who have any form of respiratory illnesses to stay home
- Asking those who may be at high-risk (immune-compromised or have underlying health conditions that may be impacted by respiratory illnesses) to stay home
- Asking those who have travelled internationally (including to the US) within the last 14 days to stay home
- Asking those who have come in contact with someone who has or is suspected of having COVID19 to stay home
- Supplying all areas with hand sanitizer solutions
- Increasing handwashing information and signage
- Introducing enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols including disinfecting high-traffic areas and surfaces throughout the venue including door handles, railings, counters and hand rests
- Ensuring staff practice the highest levels of hygiene protocols and engage in safe interactions with all visitors

As the situation continues to change, we will be guided by the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Provincial Health Officer to ensure the health and safety of our audiences, clients, staff and community. We will post updates about any changes in our response to COVID19 on our website and social media.

Thank you,

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