



International Society for Contemporary Music  
Société Internationale pour la Musique Contemporaine  
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Dear Members of the ISCM,

Happy New Year!

We hope you are all staying safe and well.

As agreed during the last General Assembly, the decision about World New Music Days was expected at the beginning of this year. I know that you have been asked many questions from your selected composers whether and when their works will be performed. Thank you for your patience in waiting for the final decision about World New Music Days 2021.

We have received an email from Peng Rongxin, Secretary General of Composition & Conducting Department Chair and Secretary of Shanghai New Music Festival writing on behalf of Department Chair of Composition and Conducting Department of Shanghai Conservatory of Music, Director of Shanghai New Music Festival, Prof. Zhou Xianglin and Director of China-Asean International Music Festival, Prof. Zhong Juncheng.

They have informed us that **due to the epidemic situation of Omicron**, Chinese Travel Restrictions Rules and Quarantine Policies, and relevant government policies and requirements for holding music festivals, the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, the Committee of Shanghai New Music Festival and China-Asean International music festival **are regrettably not able to organize World New Music Days 2021 in March 2022.**

ExCom has accepted their cancellation and appreciate we have received this information in the agreed timeframe. We will now discuss what can happen with the works that were selected for performance in WNMD2021. Planning for the WNMD2022 festival in New Zealand is still proceeding with the intention of performing as many works as possible that were selected for 2020, and you may expect monthly updates on progress and any anticipated restrictions from March.

Should you have any questions concerning this WNMD 2021 or further, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Best wishes,

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Secretary General of the ISCM