

# Media Release

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## Annual Cork and Canvas gala auction moves online to raise critical funds in support of Calgary Philharmonic

Calgary Alta. (Apr 17, 2020) – The Calgary Philharmonic is moving its annual Cork and Canvas fundraising gala online and inviting everyone to show their support for the Orchestra by bidding on auction items ranging from fine wines and works of art, to experiences at local spas, restaurants, tourist attractions, and more. The 10-day auction opens at 12 noon on Monday, April 20, 2020 at [www.corkandcanvas.ca](http://www.corkandcanvas.ca) with a video performance featuring Music Director Rune Bergmann and Associate Conductor Karl Hirzer. Visitors to the website can browse through more than 70 items and place bids up until close at 9 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020.

“This event is not only an important fundraiser during one of the greatest challenges our community has ever faced, but it’s also a chance to have some fun online and celebrate the music that is helping sustain us at this time,” says Paul Dornian, President + CEO of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. “We hope you’ll enjoy the performance, place a few bids, and help us keep the music playing.”

The Calgary Philharmonic has had to cancel or postpone all concerts up to the end of this Season, which is expected to cost more than \$2 million in lost revenues. Cork and Canvas is the Calgary Philharmonic’s signature fundraising gala, and typically raises more than \$100,000. The original event was scheduled for May 1, 2020 at the Calgary Petroleum Club, with dinner, performances by Orchestra musicians, and live and silent auctions, but was cancelled due to COVID-19.

For more information and to register for the auction, visit [www.corkandcanvas.ca](http://www.corkandcanvas.ca).

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### About the Calgary Philharmonic

The Calgary Philharmonic celebrates 65 years as a pillar of Calgary’s vibrant arts community in 2020 and has grown to be one of Canada’s most celebrated live music ensembles. Led by Music

Director Rune Bergmann, the Calgary Philharmonic presents classical masterworks, pop favourites, bold collaborations, and cutting-edge new works, and attracts world renowned guest artists and dynamic conductors. The Orchestra welcomes over 100,000 visitors annually and, in 2017, launched its live-stream initiative — an immersive, digital concert experience for audiences around the world. Follow the Calgary Philharmonic @calgaryphil on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and register for email updates at [calgaryphil.com/newsletter](http://calgaryphil.com/newsletter).