***Health & Safety Committee***

***Report for January 12, 2022, Board of Directors meeting***

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Sin ce t h e la st m eet in g of t h e Boar d , t h e H &S Com m it t ee h as b een ext r aor d in ar ily bu sy wor kin g t o en su r e t h e healt h of m u sician s an d au d ien ces as Ch or alAr t p r ep ar ed an d

d eliver ed t wo p r ogr am s, Ch r ist m a s at t h e Cat h ed r al a n d An Ep ip h a n y Celebr at ion , sp anning six concer t s, d u r in g a wor sening p a nd em ic.

Th e com m it t ee wr ot e (an d r ewr ot e, a s con d it ion s an d in for m at ion ch an ged ) h ealt h p r ot ocols for reh earsals an d p er for m an ces, in clu d in g com m u n icat ion s and cont act

t r acin g p r ot ocols. We wor ked wit h t h e Mu sic Dir ect or t o balan ce ar t ist ic n eed s wit h

safet y an d , d u rin g reh earsals, t o en for ce seat in g ar r an gem en t s, vaccin at ion , m askin g,

d ist an cin g, an d t im in g p r ot ocols. We wor ked wit h t h e Bu sin ess Ma n ager an d fr on t -of- hou se volu n t eer s t o en su r e t h at t h ey wer e fa m iliar wit h t h e applica ble pr ot ocols an d

cou ld com m u n icat e t h em clear ly t o th e audien ces. We obt ain ed an d d ist r ibu t ed at -h om e test kits wh en n eed ed .

We ar e p leased t h at we h ave com e t h r ou gh t h is season wit h n o kn own cases of COVID-

19 cau gh t d u rin g a Ch oralArt reh earsal or con cert . Two ch orist ers a n d on e u sh er t est ed

p osit ive, bu t th e tim in g in d icat es in fect ion occu r r ed p r ior t o t h e CA even t , an d ou r safet y m easu r es ap p ear ed t o be effect ive in cont a ining an y spr ead.

Safet y p r ot ocols r em ain in effect as Sin ger s a n d Cam er at a p r ep ar e for t h eir n ext con cert s, in Ap ril an d March , resp ect ively. Evid en ce su ggest s t h at t h e su r ge of t h e Om icr on var ian t is likely t o be p ast befor e t h ese con cer t s, an d so we ar e cau t iou sly op t im ist ic as t o con t in u ed h ealt h an d safet y of ou r or gan izat ion .