

# Wentworth Music

To: Kelowna Citizens for a New Performing Arts Centre Society

Wentworth Music School understands the importance of giving music students performing experience and have been producing sold-out concert productions at the Kelowna Community Theatre since 2007 that have raised over \$258,000 to help children and their families in our community.

We fully support your vision of a new multi-stage performing arts centre for Kelowna within 5 years. We highly recommend that one of the theatres have a capacity of 1200-1300 seats and have a state of the art sound system/lighting that would include everything that the current Community Theatre has.

We also agree with your concern that during the construction years, it is of utmost importance that our community not be without an adequate performing venue that will properly accommodate the groups that currently use the KCT. The Covid-19 shutdown has shown how difficult it is for ALL of us when live entertainment is taken away, even for just a few months.

Our community theatre was built almost 60 years ago when our population was less than 15,000. The time is NOW for our City to make this new Performing Arts Centre a priority for our community, not wait 10-20 years for opening night.

Sincerely,

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