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Chamber Music Kelowna supports the need for a new Performing Arts Centre for our City.

We perform in the Mary Irwin Theatre (capacity 326) since it is ideally suited for chamber music – which is intended to be performed in an intimate setting. We are very aware, however, of the limitations, both as to capacity and acoustics, of the Kelowna Community Theatre. It should be succeeded by a larger, better-equipped facility which can reflect the rapidly-growing and dynamic population of Kelowna and the increasing level of artistic excellence achieved by our local producing groups, Ballet Kelowna and the Okanagan Symphony.

We also believe there may be opportunities in future for Chamber Music Kelowna to present, perhaps in cooperation with the Symphony, larger touring groups which would not fit into MIT. Our audiences are discerning and looking for opportunities to enjoy the best that BC, Canada and the world can offer whenever it is possible to return to live-performance-in-person events.

Our experience of the last year has taught us all the great importance of being able to assemble as a community to support our performing artists and their work. We look forward to enjoying a new Performing Arts Centre at the heart of our City's collective experience.

On behalf of our Board, all best wishes for great success,

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President, Chamber Music Kelowna Society
2020/21 Season