

PRESS RELEASE

Application deadline for Geneva Cello Competition extended to 15 June

Geneva, 2 April 2020 – Due to the situation of global emergency caused by the coronavirus, the Geneva Competition has decided to extend the registration deadline for this year's Cello Competition to 15 June and to adjust conditions of application. The 75th Geneva International Music Competition will take place as planned from 23 October – 5 November 2020. It is open to all cellists born after 5 November 1990.

In response to the current international crisis, the Geneva Competition has decided to take the following measures in view of this year's Cello Competition:

- **Application deadline is extended to 15 June 2020 (initially 30 April)**
- **Solo programme only is required for application video (third piece at free choice with piano accompaniment no longer required)**
- **Registration fee of CHF 250.- is reduced to CHF 100.-**

In the context of global emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, most music schools worldwide have been closed down until further notice. Moreover, close to the half of the world's population is currently living under measures of strict confinement. Most students therefore no longer have access to crucial recording resources. In these circumstances, it is impossible to ask our candidates to submit their application as planned by April 30th and to meet required technical standards for their application video.

Although it is extremely difficult to predict how long this situation will last, we hope that extending the registration deadline to 15 June and adjusting the program required for the application video to include solo pieces only, will enable a maximum of young cellists to apply for the competition.

The five members of the preselection jury will not meet, as planned, from 16-18 June in Geneva; candidates will be selected during the month of July, by video conference. Technical conditions initially required for the application video will, inasmuch as possible, no longer be taken in consideration by the jury.

The Geneva Competition is aware of the difficult financial situation that most young musicians are now faced with, due to concerts being cancelled and postponed. It has therefore decided to reduce the application fee from CHF 250.- to CHF 100.-.

Candidates will have to include in their application file a note of intent explaining the artistic approach they took for their programme at free choice, to be performed during the second round. They will also be encouraged to explain all technical constraints they may have encountered upon submitting their application video recording.

Complete programme, rules & registration on www.concoursgeneve.ch

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