This special edition of *Folk Lines* gives information about cancellations and postponements of upcoming concerts, as well as options for ticket refunds. There is also a plea for support for the arts!

**Folk Fiesta! 2020 cancelled**

On March 16, the Lunenburg Folk Harbour Society’s Board of Directors held an emergency meeting to make decisions about our upcoming concerts. In light of the COVID-19 situation and the recommendations from health authorities to limit gatherings, we will be cancelling the March 28th Folk Fiesta!
April concerts Postponed – Dates to be determined

We are also announcing the postponement of two scheduled concerts in April:

- Saturday, April 11: Quote the Raven, Jessica Pearson and the East Wind, and Andrew and Nikki Waite
- Saturday, April 18: Norma MacDonald with full band

We are attempting to re-schedule both these concerts. If you have purchased a ticket, we will honour it for the new date; otherwise, see Refund details below.

Concerts in May – To be determined

No decision has been made at this point about our May concerts:
Saturday, May 9: Christine Campbell / Don Ross
Saturday, May 30: Lynne Hanson / Ian Sherwood

The Folk Harbour Board will re-evaluate the situation in early April and decide about these concerts at that time.
We are in the process of updating our website (www.folkharbour.com) and will try to keep it and our Facebook page as up-to-date as possible (given that we are volunteer-run).

Refunds

At this time, we are offering refunds for the cancelled Folk Fiesta! event and for our postponed April concerts (for those who might not be able to attend on the new dates). Rest assured that you will get the answers you need, but please be aware that this is a hectic time for music presenters.

For tickets purchased through TicketPro:

TicketPro will contact ticket holders individually by e-mail to let them know the concert is cancelled or postponed. For Folk Fiesta!, refunds will be given automatically, but may take a bit of time as they're processing a large volume of refunds now.

For the other two concerts, tickets with the April dates will be honoured on the rescheduled dates. If rescheduling is impossible, TicketPro will notify ticket holders that the concerts are cancelled and will give refunds automatically.

TicketPro has a section on its website www.ticketpro.ca on refunds due to Coronavirus cancellations ("What if my event is cancelled due to Coronavirus?") You might find some useful information there.

For tickets purchased at the Folk Harbour office or at local consignment outlets, please call the Folk Harbour office at 902 634-3180.

Folk Fiesta!

Folk Fiesta! is our major fundraiser of the year, and also the event where the Festival lineup is announced. Our Festival's Main Stage is fully booked, and we plan to announce the lineup soon. Stay tuned!
**Donations**

This is obviously a difficult time for all those involved in presenting live music. Folk Fiesta! is the Folk Harbour Society's major fundraising event of the year, and we depend on that revenue for all of our year-round activities: the Festival, our concert series, youth programming, music scholarships, and more.

We have already spent money in preparation for Folk Fiesta! and we will not generate revenue from the event. We have also decided that we will compensate our musicians for their expenditures in advance of this concert.

If you are in a position to support the Folk Harbour Society, we ask you to please do so at this time. If you bought a ticket for Folk Fiesta! or our spring concerts, can you consider donating the ticket cost? Or make a donation in any amount? **As a registered charitable organization, we can issue receipts for tax purposes.**

Donations can be made at or sent to the Folk Harbour office (125 Montague St., PO Box 655, B0J 2C0, 902 634-3180) or on-line through our [Canada Helps page](http://www.canadahelps.org).

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**Help Folk Harbour at this difficult time**

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**Enjoying music in the time of social distancing**

For those who will be looking for opportunities to enjoy music at a time when concerts are being cancelled, don't forget to check out the Folk Harbour Sessions @ LOH. There are eight videos in the series so far, and they are well worth checking out. Go to [Folk Harbour's You Tube channel](http://www.youtube.com) to see these videos.

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**Supporting Touring Musicians**

While presenters of live music such as Folk Harbour are really hurting right now, our hearts go out to the touring musicians whose livelihoods are in jeopardy. The
Lunenburg Folk Harbour Society is actively working to re-book our artists as soon as possible.

We encourage fans of live music to visit the websites of musicians and support them any way you can. This would be a great time to add to your CD collection (preferably by buying directly from the artists).

In this time of uncertainty, we wish all readers of *Folk Lines* good health, and we hope to see you at a live concert as soon as the COVID-19 situation allows.