

April 2020 Subscription Concerts to be cancelled

As part of the measures to prevent the spread of the novel corona virus infection, the NHK Symphony Orchestra will, with regret, call off the April subscription concerts (all 6 concerts in 3 programs). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to those who have been looking forward to the performances, but we ask for your kind understanding.

Tickets for the concerts will be refunded, so please keep the ticket/s you have purchased safe. As for how to receive the refund, either N-kyo guide or the ticket agency where you purchased the ticket/s will be contacting you around mid-April.

The NHK Symphony Orchestra will perform a concert on the first day of each program without an audience, which will be live-relayed on NHK-FM, and will be a deferred broadcast in “Classic Ongaku-kan” (Classical Concert Hall) on NHK Educational TV channel.

Due to international travel restrictions, Leonard Slatkin (the conductor for all 3 programs), Branford Marsalis (saxophone / Program A) and Ray Chen (Violin / Program B) who had been scheduled to appear in the concerts, have had to cancel their trips to Japan. Therefore conductors and soloists will be changed as follows.

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※ Please note that programs are subject to further change without notice.

Program A

Saturday April 11 6:00 p.m. Live broadcast on FM

Masaru Kumakura ■ Conductor

Kohei Ueno ■ Saxophone

Toshio Hosokawa / Meditation – to the Victims of Tsunami 3.11 (2012)

John Adams / Saxophone Concerto (2013)

Vaughan Williams / Symphony No. 5 D Major

Program C

Friday April 17 7:00 p.m. Live broadcast on FM

Keitaro Harada ■ Conductor

Kanji Ishimaru * Narrator

The 120th and 30th Anniversary of Copland's Birth and Death

Copland / 4 Dance Episodes from "Rodeo," ballet

Copland / Quiet City

Copland / A Lincoln Portrait*

Copland / "Appalachian Spring," ballet

Program B

Wednesday, April 22 7:00p.m.

Junichi Hirokami ■ Conductor

Kei Shirai ■ Violin

Haydn / Symphony No. 70 D Major Hob. I-70

Mendelssohn / Violin Concerto E Minor Op. 64

McTee / Symphony No. 1: Ballet for Orchestra (2002)