

July 28, 2020

Hello **Folk Night** supporters,



I hope this finds you and yours in good health and spirits.

Four months ago I wrote to tell you that we could not go ahead with the remainder of Folk Night season 14, but had managed to reschedule the concerts for the fall of 2020. Today, with much sadness, I am writing again to say that the fall concerts cannot happen.

Everyone in the “folk food chain” is predicting that the fall will not be an appropriate time to restart indoor concerts. The province is limiting indoor audiences to 50, so far. The Registry is working on alternate plans, but these plans will not accommodate the large Folk Night audience, and it is still not known when they can be put into action. And – most conclusively - all 3 of my fall headline acts – Eileen McGann, Dave Gunning, and James Keelaghan – have decided not to tour.

But it goes beyond the fall. The January 2021 performer – supposed to launch season 15 – has decided to postpone. So has the April 2021 performer. The March 2021 concert is with an artist from the US, who may not be able to get here, nor to sit idle through a 14-day quarantine period.

So it is with a heavy heart that I must, once again, announce the postponement of all Folk Night concerts until at least May of 2021. We are working very hard to reschedule these same performers for later in 2021 and 2022, and in most cases I believe we will be successful. One or more of the shows may take place in another location, or on a Friday or Sunday, as The Registry is scrambling to accommodate many presenters in the same situation, and the performers are trying to satisfy as many of us as they can.

Tickets for the postponed concerts will be honoured for specific new show dates, and I am hoping that this will minimize returns and refunds. Details will follow as I work them out. However, if these changes mean that you cannot attend a show and cannot find someone to use your tickets, please send me an email, and we will work it out.

As difficult as this has been for us, it is a nightmare for the performers and for The Registry. Both will have lost a significant portion of their income, and I encourage you to support the theatre, and live music, once this craziness has passed. Check performers’ web sites for merchandise, shows, downloads, or (in some cases) the opportunity to donate to directly support them.

Please watch the web site (www.folknight.ca) and Facebook for news and updates, and please be patient as this has generated a huge amount of work for us. Thank you for your support! There **will** be music again!

Jack and the Folk Night volunteer team.

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