

## **2021 SICMF Cancelled due to Covid-19**

After much deliberation, the executive management of the SICMF has decided to cancel this year's event. This is the second year running in which the SICMF has been cancelled.

Whereas many were looking forward to the 17<sup>th</sup> SICMF as a phoenix rising from the ashes in the wake of Covid-19 devastation this year, the reality of the situation is that Covid-19 is far from over.

Festival Director, Peter Martens says, "Whereas we still hope for there to have been much improvement in the global situation by July/August, we simply can't guarantee a safe environment for 300+ students, let alone the extent of time-consuming quarantines for our international faculty. We also need to take into account that there is at this point, no predictable timeline for the reintroduction of audiences to live performances."

Students who have entered and paid for participation in the 2021 SICMF can contact the Logistics & Finance Manager, Brent Reynolds at [brent@sun.ac.za](mailto:brent@sun.ac.za), for a full refund.

In addressing the 2021 SICMF faculty, Artistic Director, Nina Schumann said, "We are all devastated to come to this decision but trust you will understand. I thank you for your continued support of the festival and truly hope we can return with a bang in 2022."

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## **2021 SIKMF gekanselleer weens Covid-19**

Na intensiewe beraadslaging het die bestuurskomitee van die Stellenbosch Internasionale Kamermusiekfees besluit om vanjaar se fees te kanselleer. Dit is die tweede keer dat so 'n besluit geneem moes word.

Terwyl daar uitgesien is na die 17de SIKMF, wat soos 'n feniks sou verrys uit die as van die Covid-19-pandemie se verwoesting, is die werklikheid dat Covid-19 nog nie verby is nie.

Die Feesdirekteur, Peter Martens, sê: "Terwyl ons almal hoop op 'n verbetering van die situasie wêreldwyd teen Julie en Augustus, kan ons op die oomblik eenvoudig nie 'n veilige omgewing waarborg vir meer as 300 studente nie, om nie eers te praat van die omslagtige kwarantynvereistes vir ons internasionale personele nie. Ons moet ook in ag neem dat daar tans nog geen betroubare vooruitspelling is vir wanneer openbare konserte weer sal mag plaasvind nie."

Studente wat reeds vir die SIKMF 2021 ingeskryf en betaal het kan die Fees se Logistieke en Finansiële Bestuurder, Brent Reynolds, skakel vir 'n volle terugbetaling by [brent@sun.ac.za](mailto:brent@sun.ac.za).

In 'n mededeling aan die personeel van die SIKMF 2021 het die Artistieke Direkteur, Nina Schumann, gesê: "Ons is almal verpletter deur hierdie besluit, maar ons hoop dat julle begrip daarvoor sal hê. Ons is dankbaar vir julle volgehoue ondersteuning en ons hoop vir 'n daverende terugkeer in 2022."