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**CAL PERFORMANCES AT UC BERKELEY  
WILL NOT PRESENT IN-PERSON PERFORMANCES  
THROUGH THE END OF 2020**

**Alternatives to in-person programming will be announced in August**

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**Berkeley, June 17, 2020**—Due to the continuing coronavirus pandemic, and in accordance with today’s announcement by UC Berkeley regarding guidelines for campus operations during the upcoming fall semester, Cal Performances, the performing arts presenter at the university, will not present in-person performances through the end of the calendar year. Performances scheduled for January–June 2021 are expected to take place as planned.

Cal Performances is currently in the process of developing alternatives to presenting in-person events this fall, including working with artists to reschedule their programs to 2021 and beyond as well as developing plans to showcase their work online.

“While Cal Performances had high hopes for being able to present the artists in our fall 2020 season as originally planned, it has become clear that large groups of people will not be able to gather safely in person for the remainder of the calendar year,” said executive and artistic director Jeremy Geffen. “Our top priority will always be the health and safety of our patrons, artists, and staff, so we knew that we needed to begin the work now of reimagining how we could still bring our community a fulfilling fall season of performances and related events, including finding ways to spotlight the work of many of our artists in digital formats. We are encouraged by our progress and look forward to sharing details with our patrons and the community later this summer.”

Cal Performances plans to announce new event formats in August. At that time, current ticket holders will have the option to exchange their existing tickets for one or more of the online offerings or for later performances; to donate the cost of their tickets to Cal Performances; or to receive a full refund.

Cal Performances will return to live, in-person presentation as soon as it is reasonable to do so. This is likely to be contingent upon entering the fourth stage of the recovery plan, as outlined by the state of California, when a vaccine or a strong therapy are in wide distribution.

A calendar of Cal Performances 2020–21 season can be found at <https://calperformances.org/2020-21-season/#!?sort=date&filter=date>