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## **IVCI Cancels Remainder of 2019-2020 Laureate Series; Carnegie Hall Recital Debut with Richard Lin Postponed**

INDIANAPOLIS – Due to the recent restrictions across the country as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) has canceled the remainder of its 2019-2020 Laureate Series, including recitals featuring 1998 Gold Medalist Judith Ingolfsson (March 24), the Chien-Kim-Watkins Trio (April 16, in co-presentation with Ensemble Music Society) and *Hot Swing: Gypsy Jazz* with 2014 Silver Medalist Tessa Lark (May 12).

Additionally, the June 5 Carnegie Hall debut of 2018 Gold Medalist Richard Lin has been postponed. IVCI staff is in contact with Carnegie administrators to reschedule the event, and information will be shared with the public once a new date has been established.

“The effect this pandemic has had on arts communities across the globe is tragic and completely unprecedented,” says IVCI Executive Director Glen Kwok. “However, we remain optimistic that the community will rebound and continue to support Indy’s thriving arts community once normalcy returns. We hope that is sooner than later, and look forward to welcoming patrons back into our halls.”

Patrons currently holding tickets for canceled performances may exchange the value of their tickets for credit towards any purchase in the 2020-2021 Laureate Series, which will be announced later this Spring. Patrons may also donate the value of their ticket back to the IVCI as a tax deductible donation.

IVCI staff members are working remotely until further notice, but are monitoring emails. Any ticketing inquiries should be directed to Director of Operations Mindy Miller ([mindy@violin.org](mailto:mindy@violin.org)).

As always, the IVCI urges all patrons to follow the safety guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) to assist in fighting the spread this disease.

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The International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) recognizes, rewards and promotes the world’s finest young classical violinists and encourages understanding, appreciation and support of the violin repertoire by a large and diverse audience. The IVCI utilizes its world prominence to bring international attention to Indianapolis and maintains its efforts to be a visible and collaborative member of the arts communities in Indianapolis and Indiana.

For information about the IVCI, visit [www.violin.org](http://www.violin.org).

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