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EUYO announces changes to Spring Residency & Tour plans in response to the Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak

The European Union Youth Orchestra (EUYO) is today announcing the cancellation of its forthcoming Italian residency including its extensive *Ferrara Orchestra in Città!* community programme and concerts in Ferrara and Pavia planned for 20 March – 11 April, as a result of health reasons related to the coronavirus COVID-19. The EUYO is deeply sorry to have to cancel this activity but has been obliged to do so as the current situation in Italy has rendered the project unsafe and without authority to take place.

In place of the Italian residency, a shortened project in Austria is planned including a residency in Grafenegg 1 – 12 April, with concerts as previously planned in Grafenegg on 12 April and in Vienna on 14 April. This decision has been taken in the light of the current situation in Austria and with the current advice of the Austrian authorities, where all cultural events are currently taking place as planned.

The safety of the Orchestra's members, tutors, artists and management remains the EUYO's first priority. Therefore the EUYO will be continuing to monitor the situation in Austria, and Europe generally. Should the current situation worsen, the Orchestra will respond appropriately by changing or cancelling these plans in part or in their entirety.

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