

Edinburgh International Festival cancels programme launch

We were expecting to hear about this year's Edinburgh International Festival this week in a series of breakfast briefings and programme launches.

This has all now been shelved meantime.

This is a statement from Francesca Hegyi the Festival Executive Director: "In the light of the rapidly changing Coronavirus situation, we will postpone the launch of the 2020 programme including the planned media briefing tomorrow and the digital launch of the Edinburgh International Festival programme on Wednesday.

"It is important to emphasise that we are still planning to deliver a festival this August but we think it best to wait a number of weeks before launching our programme.

" We are working as quickly as we can to provide certainty to everyone. Our focus remains on presenting the festival and getting artists back on our stages and audiences back into concert halls and theatres as soon as it is safe to do so.

"Please bear with us whilst we navigate staging this international festival at a particularly unusual time."



Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra at Tynecastle in 2019.
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