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Dear UofL Band Musician,

I hope that you know our entire band staff is very excited that we will soon be seeing you! We have spent a great deal of time this summer seeking professional advice from our own UofL health and facilities experts, gleaned information from international scientific studies about safe practices for performing musicians, and expanding our creativity to develop a musically rewarding and safe environment for you during the upcoming semester. We are all in this together and will count on the shared responsibility of faculty and students to make a healthy success of the upcoming semester.

I hope your summer has been a time that has offered unexpected blessings in the midst of schedules which have been turned upside down. Since the time that we went remote in March, I have had ten concerts canceled! You can't change the things you can't change, so I have had the opportunity to complete two new compositions and finish some other work as well. I hope that you've been able to use your time in productive ways, too. Regardless, I can't wait to hear the sound of our first rehearsal.

When I reminisce the shortened school year that we've just experienced, I remember even more strongly the outstanding performances by all of our bands. Particularly powerful memories come back from the wonderful performance of the Husa work at the College Music Society National Conference and the incredibly professional performance of the Wind Symphony at the Kentucky Music Educators Association State Conference. Whether it's a high profile performance or a regular weekly rehearsal, I value every minute that we work together.

Let's make this semester better than ever in every rehearsal and performance that we do together. I'm looking forward to more musical adventures with you!

All best,



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