



# RICHARD-WAGNER-VERBAND BONN E.V.

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## International Richard Wagner Congress 2020 in Bonn - cancellation

Dear Board members

Dear members of Wagner Societies

The corona pandemic will unfortunately continue to keep us firmly in its grip for the next few months.

On Monday, May 4, 2020, the "International Beethoven Festival", which was to be held in Bonn in September as the highlight of the events marking the 250th anniversary of the composer's birth, has now also been cancelled completely due to the corona virus.

Thus, unfortunately, we have no choice other than to cancel our "International Richard Wagner Congress" from September 23 to 27, 2020 (patron: Nike Wagner, director of the Beethoven Festival), which is closely linked to the Beethoven Festival in terms of both time and content.

We greatly regret this cancellation, since we would very much have liked to provide our "Wagner family" with a forum for encounters, especially in this year 2020, in which the Bayreuth Festival cannot take place due to the pandemic.

Hopefully we can offer the Wagner Societies a reduced and concentrated attractive Wagner-Beethoven Programme 2021 in Bonn at a date yet to be found - without the threat and restriction of Covid-19.

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