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Dear Music Teachers,

I am very sorry to announce that the Kingston Symphony Volunteers have decided to suspend the Music Awards program for the coming year, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This decision affects both the Kiwanis Music Festival awards and the annual Music Awards competition held in the spring.

As you may know, the Kingston Symphony Volunteers cancelled all fundraising events at the start of the pandemic to avoid the usual crowds at the Kingston Symphony Warehouse.

On September 15, the Kingston Symphony Volunteers launched an online store to sell books and CDs - and potentially other items in the months to come. The online sales are generating interest and will continue into the fall and winter, with any proceeds directed to the Kingston Symphony. In the meantime, no awards will be offered during the 2020-2021 season.

Thank you all for your interest in the Music Awards. We hope to restore the program next season.

Please stay well everyone. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email or by calling the Kingston Symphony Association at 613-546-9729.

Sincerely,

Ann Lukits  
Chair, *Music Awards*