 **Media Alert**

**Internationally Renowned Composer Debuts Only Known Wind Band Composition to Memorialize the Pandemic in the United States with the Rockville Concert Band**

**WHAT**

* Music concert featuring an original composition to memorialize the past two years of loss-- loss of life from Covid-19, loss of fellowship with friends and family, loss of arts events and to offer a sense of hope through music and art
* Only known wind band composition to memorialize the pandemic in the United States
* Introduction by renowned composer Johan de Meij via video from Europe
* Artwork display of original work honoring loved ones lost during the pandemic

**WHEN**

* Sunday, March 13, 2022, 3-4 p.m. Free tickets available at <https://fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/>. Tickets required per Covid Policy.

**WHO**

* [Dr. Juan Gallastegui Roca](https://www.linkedin.com/in/dr-juan-antonio-gallastegui-roca-73681a54/?locale=en_US), conductor, Rockville Concert Band
* [Johan de Meij,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johan_de_Meij) composer most known for [Symphony No. 1, *The Lord of the Rings*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Symphony_No._1_%22The_Lord_of_the_Rings%22)*,* which received the Sudler Composition Prize
* Joe Dulany, president, [Rockville Concert Band](https://rockvilleconcertband.org/)

**WHERE**

* F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston, Rockville, Maryland
* The concert will be streamed. The link will be available on the [Rockville Concert Band](https://rockvilleconcertband.org/) website

**WHY**

* “We want to recognize the toll the pandemic has had on us as individuals, communities, and the arts. This is our way to remember, look forward, and grow stronger from this experience in the language of music,” says Dr. Juan Gallastegui, Conductor of the Rockville Concert Band
* The date of the concert marks two years since the pandemic was declared
* To honor those who have been lost due to the pandemic and offer hope for the future

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