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Dear musicians and singers of the BBC Performing Groups

On behalf of The Ivors Academy I write to express our fullest appreciation and support for every BBC Performing Group musician at this most difficult time.

The BBC's new strategy for classical music has been met with dismay not only by you, as employees directly affected, but also by us composers and music creators.

The BBC is, by some distance, the largest commissioner of contemporary classical music in the UK, and the Performing Groups perform our work faultlessly in concert halls, schools and on live broadcasts across the country. Only last year, The Ivors Academy commissioned a report that found 62% of Ivors Composer Awards past winners and nominees had been commissioned by the BBC or a BBC ensemble.

This commitment is epitomised by the BBC Singers, who have delivered world-class performances of new music for almost a century. They occupy a unique place not only within the BBC, but in our national musical life as a whole, as the UK's only full-time choir.

Week in week out, they lend their staggering virtuosity and commitment to composers both new and familiar to listeners - from Kaija Saariaho to Steve Reich, Cheryl Frances-Hoad to Stephen McNeff, Dobrinka Tabakova to Eric Whitacre.

While the complete disbanding of the BBC Singers is understandably the focus of headlines, the proposed 20% reduction in the salaried workforce of three of the BBC's world-renowned performing ensembles causes further concern.

Like their counterparts in the BBC Singers, musicians in the orchestras play a huge amount of new music with precision and verve. From the Symphony Orchestra's excellent Total Immersion series, to the Scottish Symphony's cutting edge Tectonics festival, the BBC ensembles serve composers in a way most other ensembles do not.

Against the context of previous cuts to arts and music programming on BBC television and radio, the cutback of salaried performers threatens to undermine the consistent volume and quality of new music performances by these groups.

On behalf of colleagues represented by The Ivors Academy I urge the decision makers at the BBC to think again. Your decisions will profoundly affect not only your loyal workforce of highly-trained, dedicated musicians, but have damaging consequences now and long into the future for composers, creatives, our music sector and culture.

Yours faithfully

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