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ROYAL MARINES BAND SERVICE – BEATING RETREAT

Having been forced to postpone last year's Beating Retreat on Horse Guards Parade owing to the Covid pandemic, I write to inform you that we are unable to meet the logistic demands of bringing the Massed Bands together whilst adhering to the restrictions imposed to secure their safety and that of our audience. In sum, we find that we are unable to achieve our aspiration of performing Beating Retreat this year.

Whilst I share your obvious disappointment, by not running the event this year we allow ourselves to focus on what is achievable under the current circumstances. Rather than deliver a suboptimal performance this year, we give ourselves the opportunity to devise a performance for 2022 when we hope to put on an event that will be entirely in keeping with the traditions of Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines.

We will continue to apply ourselves to virtual performances on Social Media with the innovation and flair that you have come to expect - plenty to keep you entertained as we all stay home. However, I do look forward to seeing you at our live performances, when we are able to return, and thank you for your continued support and forbearance.

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