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Dear Festival Supporter,

KATHERINE MANLEY

You may have booked for the *Stabat Mater* concert on 23rd October. Rather than inform you at the last minute of a change of artist, we thought it only right to make you aware of the following situation.

As you probably know, Katherine Manley has been our sponsored artist for some years; indeed we were also able to help her financially during her illness. I am pleased to say that Katherine remains 100% fit and well and her singing continues to improve. So much so, she has just been asked to sing for a major tour with Glyndebourne Touring Opera, with the opening night at Glyndebourne on 23rd October, and of course we take pride in her success.

It is somewhat unfortunate that GTO have only just cast their autumn productions but we would not wish, for the sake of our concert to withhold this major opportunity from her and to that end, we have unreservedly agreed to her request to be released from her commitment to Tudeley Festival.

We have searched very carefully for a replacement and are delighted to engage Emily Rowley Jones with whom Katherine has previously sung some Monteverdi and comes highly recommended. Amongst her more recent engagements, Emily has sung to critical acclaim for English Touring and Bampton Opera.

We feel sure that you will thoroughly enjoy the performance and look forward to seeing you.

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