Happy New Year to you all and my 2022 bring you all you wish.

I am sure that you have all been wondering whether I would get round to sending out the regular monthly preview of arts events in the area.

Very sorry to tell you, as if you hadn't guessed already, that the Omicron variant has been triumphant in the general fight for us to return to a sense of normality. Well, for the time being, as there are a couple of gems towards the end of the month. But first, news of the postponements:-

Tuesday 11 January. Royal Scottish National Orchestra Viennese Gala at Eden Court Empire Theatre. Postponed to a date tba.

Saturday 15 January. Music Nairn. Trio Isimsiz. Nairn Community and Arts Centre. Postponed to a date tba.

Thursday 20 January. musicinverness. Divertimenti Ensemble. Postponed to Thursday 5 May 2022

Saturday 29 January. Jazz Nairn. Tenement Jazz Band. Nairn Community and Arts Centre. Postponed to Saturday 29 October 2022.

And the good news. At the moment the following are going ahead but are under permanent review:-

Friday 28 January. At One With Music/Old High Music. Organ Recital by Howard Duthie. Popular Organ Favourites. Inverness Old High Church at 1.00pm. Suggested donation at the door £7.50

Wednesday 26 January to Saturday 29 January. 6 Performances. Scottish Ballet. The Nutcracker. Eden Court Empire Theatre. Tickets selling well so don't delay. In person, by phone on 01463 234234 or online at www.eden-court.co.uk

Cross everything for February to bring us some delights.