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# Debuting Conductor Raphaël Pichon Excites New York at 41

## Description

Raphaël Pichon and his orchestra were going to New York, but the flight got canceled because of the pandemic. Now, he is finally making his American debut in New York at 40 years old. He will conduct a music program with other musicians.

Pichon met a stage director in Austria, but things didn't go well. He learned a lot from the experience. He now leads a music group called Pygmalion and performs in many concerts around Europe.

Pichon loves to listen to the band Radiohead. He recently rehearsed with St. Luke's orchestra in New York and mentioned how music brings warmth even in cold weather.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Canceled** /'kæ.n.səld/ (verb): To decide that something that has been arranged will not happen.
2. **Debut** /deɪ'bjʊ:/ (noun): A person's first appearance or performance in a particular capacity or role.
3. **Conduct** /kən'dʌkt/ (verb): To direct the performance of (a group of musicians).
4. **Experience** /ɪk'spɪər.ɪ.əns/ (noun): Knowledge or skill acquired by a period of practical experience of something.
5. **Orchestra** /'ɔ:.kɪ.strə/ (noun): A large group of musicians who play together on various instruments.
6. **Rehearsed** /rɪ'hɪərst/ (verb): To practice (a play piece of music etc.) in preparation for a public performance.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Where was Raphaël Pichon initially planning to go before the flight got canceled?  
Option: Paris  
Option: New York  
Option: London  
Option: Berlin
2. How old is Raphaël Pichon when he is making his American debut in New York?  
Option: 35



- Option: 40
- Option: 45
- Option: 50

3. What is the name of the music group led by Raphaël Pichon?

- Option: Pygmalion
- Option: Orpheus
- Option: Apollo
- Option: Eurydice

4. Which band does Raphaël Pichon love to listen to?

- Option: The Beatles
- Option: Radiohead
- Option: Led Zeppelin
- Option: Pink Floyd

5. Where did Raphaël Pichon rehearse with St. Luke's orchestra?

- Option: Paris
- Option: Rome
- Option: New York
- Option: Berlin

6. What kind of weather did Raphaël Pichon mention music bringing warmth to?

- Option: Rainy
- Option: Sunny
- Option: Cloudy
- Option: Cold

### True-False

7. Raphaël Pichon was able to conduct a music program in New York before the pandemic.

8. Raphaël Pichon learned nothing from his experience with the stage director in Austria.

9. Pichon's music group performs only in Europe.

10. Raphaël Pichon prefers classical music over contemporary music.



11. St. Luke's orchestra is based in Berlin.

12. Raphaël Pichon believes music can bring warmth to any weather condition.

### Gap-Fill

13. Raphaël Pichon's American debut was scheduled in New York at \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

14. Raphaël Pichon leads a music group called \_\_\_\_\_ and performs in many concerts around Europe.

15. Pichon found inspiration from rehearsing with St. Luke's orchestra in \_\_\_\_\_ and mentioned the warmth music can bring in cold weather.

16. Raphaël Pichon's favorite band is \_\_\_\_\_.

17. During the pandemic, Raphaël Pichon's flight to \_\_\_\_\_ was canceled.

18. Raphaël Pichon met a stage director in \_\_\_\_\_ and learned a lot from the experience.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. New York 2. 40 3. Pygmalion 4. Radiohead 6. Cold

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 40 14. Pygmalion 15. New York 16. Radiohead 18. Austria

### Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Why was the performance called off?

Option: Due to bad weather conditions

Option: Lack of audience interest

Option: Technical issues

Option: Scheduling conflicts



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2. What did the orchestra do before the concert?
    - Option: Rehearsed their pieces
    - Option: Canceled the event
    - Option: Demanded higher pay
    - Option: Changed the venue
  3. What did the audience gain from attending the event?
    - Option: A memorable experience
    - Option: Financial profit
    - Option: A new album release
    - Option: Reassessment of the industry
  4. How did the performers address the misunderstanding?
    - Option: Apologized to the audience
    - Option: Rehearsed more rigorously
    - Option: Canceled the show
    - Option: Clarified the situation
  5. What method was used to highlight the differences between the two acts?
    - Option: Updated the audience on the trends
    - Option: Conducted a rehearsal
    - Option: Demanded equal pay
    - Option: Made a comparison
  6. What was the ultimate goal of the event?
    - Option: Profit maximization
    - Option: Reinvestment in the industry
    - Option: Attainment of industry capital
    - Option: Achieve success
  7. What action did the main performer take before the performance?
    - Option: Apologized to the audience
    - Option: Canceled the show
    - Option: Rehearsed more pieces
    - Option: Demanded certain conditions
  8. What unexpected event occurred during the show?
    - Option: Unplanned performance addition
    - Option: Technical difficulties
    - Option: Marketing comparison
    - Option: Incident of disturbance



9. What did the entertainment industry follow during the event?  
Option: Trend of virtual performances  
Option: Financial profit trend  
Option: Reinvestment trend  
Option: Conducting trend analysis
10. What condition was the main performer struggling with during the show?  
Option: Aphasia  
Option: Dementia  
Option: Impaired hearing  
Option: Reassessment

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The company decided to raise additional \_\_\_\_\_ for expansion.
12. The new artist made a spectacular \_\_\_\_\_ with their first performance.
13. The audience felt \_\_\_\_\_ by the sudden rainstorm during the outdoor concert.
14. The successful company believes in \_\_\_\_\_ profits into research and development.
15. She has years of experience in the fashion \_\_\_\_\_ specializing in haute couture.
16. The theater had elegant \_\_\_\_\_ overlooking the stage for premium seating.
17. The artist's affairs were handled by a legal \_\_\_\_\_ due to their health issues.
18. Stay tuned for live \_\_\_\_\_ on the event schedule and changes.
19. The theater hosted a series of grand \_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate its anniversary.
20. The company recorded a significant increase in \_\_\_\_\_ compared to last year.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

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| 21. The event featured a guest appearance by a famous celebrity.              |
| 22. The main focus of the evening was to provide top-notch for the attendees. |



23. The show was due to unforeseen circumstances.
24. Despite the initial setbacks the event was considered a by the organizers.
25. The sudden incident forced a of the entire performance plan.
26. The classical delivered a mesmerizing performance that left the audience in awe.
27. After the confusion the main performer for the inconvenience caused.
28. The musicians better treatment and conditions for their performance.
29. The singer's struggle with affected the quality of the show.
30. The artist's deteriorating health was due to early-onset .

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Due to bad weather conditions 2. Rehearsed their pieces 3. A memorable experience  
4. Clarified the situation 5. Made a comparison 6. Achieve success 7. Demanded certain conditions  
8. Incident of disturbance 9. Trend of virtual performances 10. Aphasia

**Gap-Fill:** 11. capital 12. debut 13. trapped 14. reinvesting 15. industry 16. balconies 17. conservatorship  
18. updates 19. performances 20. profit

**Matching sentence:** 1. Special 2. Entertainment 3. Canceled 4. Success 5. Reassessment 6. Orchestra  
7. Apologized 8. Demanded 9. Aphasia 10. Dementia

## CATEGORY

1. Entertainment - LEVEL1

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