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**THE PARIS CONSERVATOIRE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST JEROME PERNOO,  
EXCLUDING HIM FOR ONE YEAR**

On 7 September 2021, the Paris Conservatoire (*Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et de Danse de Paris - CNSMDP*) took disciplinary action against Jérôme Pernoo, professor of cello, in the form of a suspension from his duties for a period of one year, beginning 9 September 2021. Jérôme Pernoo will no longer teach at the Conservatoire and shall be deprived of his salary for the duration of this measure.

Following alerts from students and an internal investigation, the CNSMDP found that Jérôme Pernoo had failed to meet the exemplary standards required by the Conservatoire as a higher education institution.

Numerous testimonies show that Jérôme Pernoo's teaching methods disrupt the smooth operation of the Conservatoire and hinder the Conservatoire's ability to fulfil its duty of protection owed to students.

The CNSMDP stresses that, as a public institution of higher education, it is bound to provide its students with an environment which fosters their development and is respectful of their physical and mental integrity.

In this respect, it is the duty of the Conservatoire's administration to ensure that teaching methods and their impact on students respect these principles. Teaching methods must be designed and developed to provide excellent musical or choreographic training, while ensuring that students are treated fairly and with respect for their physical and mental health.

The Conservatoire's administration chose to take this type of disciplinary action as a means of appeasement, after having received assurances from Jérôme Pernoo that he would change his teaching methods, abiding to the exemplary standards required in an educational institution.