

Rehoboth Beach Bandstand

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To Our Loyal Audience and Performers,

In the wake of the most limiting social restrictions that many of us have ever known, businesses and communities are facing difficult and unprecedented decisions. Unfortunately, the Rehoboth Beach Bandstand is not an exception.

After months of planning and evaluating countless scenarios, consultations with state and local leadership, and careful monitoring of the health and safety restrictions in our small state, the Rehoboth Beach Bandstand must announce the decision not to move forward with our 2020 Summer Concert Series.

Ensuring the welfare of our audience as well as our performers is of particular importance when considering the possibility of promoting events that are in excess of safe attendee limits. The events at the Rehoboth Beach Bandstand provide enormous opportunities for personal contact in close quarters. We cannot deny that our stage regularly serves as a popular gathering place for friends and families of all ages throughout the summer months, all of which place our visitors and performers in potentially dangerous and unavoidable proximity. As an open-air concert venue, we are unable to safely enforce social distancing while adequately providing an opportunity to gather for our performances. In addition, it is duly important for us to properly notify our performers within an acceptable amount of time who may have opportunities to perform at venues capable of meeting the current safety protocols.

The potential for additional uncertainty is too great, and it is our responsibility as a city to be mindful of the dangers that the Rehoboth Beach Bandstand may provide.

The Rehoboth Beach Bandstand Summer Concert Series has been a staple in the Rehoboth Beach community for over 55 years, and undoubtedly this decision will leave a void in the hearts of music lovers and concert-goers this summer. We thank you for the numerous years that we have been able to offer you free entertainment. Our hearts go out to all of the regular and future attendees in our neighboring communities affected by this announcement. However, we know that in making this difficult choice, we are ensuring the continued health and safety of our city and our patrons while making certain that future musical events will be possible on our stage.

We wish you all a healthy and enjoyable summer season. On behalf of the City of Rehoboth Beach, thank you for always allowing us to entertain you. We will see you all on stage next season with an amazing lineup of free and public entertainment for everyone to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Corey Groll

Program Director

