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CREEKSIDE BLUES & JAZZ FESTIVAL CANCELED FOR 2020

GAHANNA, Ohio – Out of concern for public health and safety in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Visit Gahanna and the City of Gahanna jointly have made the decision to cancel this year's Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival, scheduled for June 19-21. This is the first time in 22 years that the annual event has been canceled.

The "crown jewel" of events in Gahanna, the Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival annually attracts 32,000 people to Gahanna's Creekside District for award-winning music, local food, and family entertainment and activities.

"The decision to cancel this year's Festival was not made lightly," said Gahanna Mayor Laurie Jadwin. "Due to the planning that must take place for the event and the current situation imposed by COVID-19, it is impossible to properly prepare for this event."

Mayor Jadwin previously served as the Chair of the Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival for 13 years, while also serving as Executive Director of Visit Gahanna for the past six years.

"Our office has been working closely with Lori Kappes, Executive Director of Visit Gahanna, as the circumstances around the pandemic have continued to evolve. While we were all looking forward to celebrating this event, we agreed that the safety of our residents and visitors is of the utmost importance," said Mayor Jadwin.

According to Kappes, the Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival's Planning Committee is hoping to reschedule this year's musicians and retain its sponsors for the Festival's return in 2021.

"Speaking on behalf of the Visit Gahanna team, we are all very sad about canceling this year's event and will be working extra hard to plan a fitting celebratory return in 2021," said Kappes.

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