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Wheeling Symphony & City of Wheeling Announce Cancellation of July 4th Concert & Fireworks

WHEELING, W. VA. - The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra and the City of Wheeling jointly announce that the traditional July 4th concert and fireworks at the Heritage Port Amphitheater will not take place due to continuing restrictions on large gatherings and safety concerns regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.

Betsy Delk, interim executive director of the Wheeling Symphony, said that the orchestra staff and City officials have reached the unfortunate conclusion that the traditional celebration, which attracts thousands of people, could not be held.

“We are disappointed that we won’t be able to celebrate the way we normally would. We are working to find other ways to connect our community around the holiday,” she said.

The City of Wheeling and the WSO are hopeful that a waterfront gathering will be possible later in the summer.

“We don’t want to take any unnecessary chances with the health and well-being of our residents or those involved in making this event happen,” said City Manager Robert Herron. “We will continue to monitor the guidelines set down by the CDC, the Governor’s office and the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department throughout the summer and perhaps later in the season, things related to COVID-19 will have evolved enough to hold some kind of community event in partnership with the Wheeling Symphony.”

Delk noted that the Wheeling Symphony has long enjoyed the support of the City of Wheeling and looks forward to performing downtown when circumstances permit.