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Bartlesville Community Concert Members and Friends

This is a long overdue announcement about our proposed 'short season' for 2020-2021. Sadly, those plans have been canceled and we will not be holding a membership drive - or the 3 concert performances - this season.

We REALLY hoped conditions would improve enough by January of 2021 to allow a few concerts to be held. But with the Covid-19 pandemic worsening both state-wide and in the regions where our artists would be touring, that becomes a daunting proposal.

So, with great reluctance – and for only the 4th time in the past 85 years – we have to cancel our concert series for 2020-2021. There is a possibility we may hold one event in late April if conditions improve. If so that will be done as a single concert and not part of a membership effort. We'll await conditions in mid-March to make that decision.

Up to this point your board has had to react to conditions as they develop. We've scheduled (and re-scheduled) events while hoping things would improve by late summer, fall, early winter, etc. It's been a moving target and we apologize for the uncertainty. We also owe a huge 'thank you' to the staff at the Community Center for working with us as we've tried to schedule a few live performances. Bartlesville is very fortunate to have such a fine venue and such consummate professionals working so hard for the arts in our community.

There WILL be a next season. With the agreement of our artist representative (Allied Concert Services) we're re-booking the great acts we had planned for this year. Schedule is yet to be determined but, assuming we're healthy by next Fall, "we'll be back".

Thank you to all our board members who have worked so hard to try and make this season happen. And thank you to our loyal members for your patience as we changed the schedule while anticipating better times. Those times are still to come and when they do, Community Concerts will be back on stage with a great line-up of artists.

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