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18TH ANNUAL INDIAN WELLS ARTS FESTIVAL POSTPONED TO EARLY FALL IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH EFFORTS

Maintaining recommended health and safety precautionary measures, the April 3, 4 & 5, event will be rescheduled to a date in early Fall of this year

INDIAN WELLS, CA, 1B March 11, 2020– The Riverside County Public Health Department has declared a public health emergency for the Coachella Valley due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, the Indian Wells Arts Festival will not be held April 3-5, 2020.

This follows the announcements that the BNP Paribas Open and Easter Bowl will also not be held at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. Now in its 18th year, the festival’s postponement is unprecedented, with attendance having been anticipated at 10,000 festival-goers.

“We are disappointed by the news, however, we respect and support the decision made by the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, and will work diligently to create a prosperous event in the months ahead,” said Dianne Funk, Indian Wells Arts Festival producer, furthering, “We remain hopeful to reschedule our wonderful festival for early Fall of this year, and as always, will keep everyone up to date with information as soon as it becomes available to us.”

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The festival will continue to promote support of its 200 juried artists by spotlighting their work online through social media and encouraging art patrons and enthusiasts to connect with art-makers in the risk-free manner of the digital era and opportunities.

In all, collective accolades from more than 60 prominent art museums and institutions establish the value of the skill and craftsmanship of the artists ranging from paintings, sculptures, jewelry, textiles, photography and ceramics across 29 mediums and categories of art.

Patrons who have purchased early-access tickets to the event will be honored at the forthcoming rescheduled dates, or can request a refund. More information about the festival, its artists, and ongoing information about rescheduled dates may be found at www.IndianWellsArtsFestival.com.

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ABOUT THE INDIAN WELLS ARTS FESTIVAL

Presented by the City of Indian Wells, hosted by the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, and sponsored by the Desert Sun, Palm Springs Life Magazine, Desert Entertainer, Hot Purple Energy, and Signature Party Rentals. The Indian Wells Arts Festival is a juried show with a panel of judges who award first, second, and third place ribbons to artists in 30 mediums and categories, and has been ranked in the top 30 fine art and fine craft shows in the nation by Sunshine Artist Magazine, top 40 in the nation by Greg Lawler Art Source Review, and the American Bus Association. The Festival incorporates a number of local charities as Festival Partners and donates to their art scholarship funds.

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IWAF_Champagne Circle Bar

IWAF_SculptureGarden