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## **Breckenridge Arts Organizations Respond To COVID-19** Large Arts Events Suspended Through April 30

Based on recommendations from Summit County Public Health, Summit County and the Town of Breckenridge, all events and performances in the Riverwalk Center, Breckenridge Theater, Speakeasy Theater, and Old Masonic Hall will be canceled or postponed effective Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

“This is a difficult decision made by the Town Council, but one that we know is made with the goal of saving lives. This move will be challenging for our staff, artists, volunteers, and audiences, but the Breckenridge arts community is committed to the health and safety of our town,” said Breckenridge Creative Arts (BreckCreate) President + CEO Matt Neufeld.

The Riverwalk Center Ticket Office will be in touch with anyone who has already purchased a ticket to notify them of a refund or rescheduled event. We encourage patrons to visit the websites of **BreckCreate**, **Breckenridge Music**, **Breckenridge Backstage Theatre**, **Breck Film Fest**, and the **National Repertory Orchestra** for more information.

**BreckCreate** Classes and workshops on the Arts District Campus are currently scheduled to proceed as planned. Additional steps will be taken to sanitize studio facilities and encourage increased hand-washing and other measures of personal responsibility. Class check-in will continue to take place at the reception desk in Old Masonic Hall. The reception desk will be staffed 30 minutes prior to every classroom/workshop, and class registration will be available at the reception desk and at [breckcreate.org](http://breckcreate.org).

All **Breckenridge Music** programs are suspended through April 30th due to public health concerns. This includes performances Gershwin & Schumann on March 21 (cancelled), Steel Betty on March 27 (postponed pending further notice) and Del McCoury on March 28 (cancelled), as well as all associated in-school Breck Music Education programs. Please visit [breckmusic.org](http://breckmusic.org) for more information on refunds and rescheduled events.

The **Breck Film Fest** “Women in Film Series” scheduled to take place on April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> will be postponed. See [breckfilmfest.org](http://breckfilmfest.org) for updates.

The **National Repertory Orchestra** is cancelling its Winter Series due to public health concerns. Cancellations include a performance scheduled at Summit County schools on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and a home concert. Please visit [NROmusic.org](http://NROmusic.org) for more information.

**BreckCreate, Breckenridge Music, Breckenridge Backstage Theatre, Breck Film Fest, and the National Repertory Orchestra** are committed to the supporting our Town and our community during this difficult time.

Please visit our respective websites for more information and updates during this time. If you would like to help support your local arts organization to mitigate the challenges of this situation through a personal gift, corporate support or volunteer effort, please contact the arts organization directly.

We look forward to sharing the arts with you and your families in May and wish you the best of health.



Matt Neufeld, President + Chief Executive Officer



**NATIONAL REPERTORY**  
*orchestra*

Dave DePeters, Chief Executive Officer



Tamara Nuzzaci Park, Executive Director



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Nathan Autrey, Artistic Director