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Memorial Park concert canceled this year; planning underway for summer 2021

(May 15, 2020 – OMAHA, NE) Organizers of the popular summer concert in Memorial Park have decided to cancel this year's event. Originally scheduled for June 26, the City of Omaha Celebrates America would have welcomed two nationally known performers and brought together thousands of people from the Omaha area and the region.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to require public health restrictions on large gatherings. With uncertainty surrounding the course of the pandemic and the risks posed by a large concert, organizers decided that canceling was the only safe option this year.

"It was heartbreaking decision, but not a difficult one because health and safety come first," said Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert. "I'm hopeful and excited about next year's concert, when we can celebrate America safely."

Organizers are in discussions with this year's performers about coming to Omaha next year for the June 25, 2021 event. The annual concert is free, open to the public, family-friendly, and followed by a fireworks show. As in 2019, this summer's concert was to be funded entirely by anonymous private contributions.

The event is professionally managed by local firm Vic Gutman & Associates, partnering with the Omaha Mayor's Office, the City of Omaha Parks Department, and the Omaha Parks Foundation.

For more information, visit www.MemorialParkConcert.com.

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