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# SPRING TEMPE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS IS CANCELED

TEMPE, Ariz. -- Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and out an abundance of caution for the health of our artists and community, the [Downtown Tempe Foundation](#) has canceled this spring's Tempe Festival of the Arts.

This event takes place twice a year, making this the third cancellation due to the ongoing pandemic. This severely impacts our artists, vendors, downtown Tempe's small businesses, the [City of Tempe](#), our organization's financial health, and our community stakeholders.

This decision was not taken lightly, and while we are disheartened to make this announcement, we strongly believe this is best for our community's safety and the future health of this treasured community event.

"We have very strong allies at the city, and couldn't ask for a better partnership," Kate Borders, Executive Director of the Downtown Tempe Foundation, said. "After many conversations with city leadership and staff, we feel this is the right decision for everyone involved. We fully recognize that this is devastating news for our artists and stakeholders, but we believe public health is the priority at this time."

The [Tempe Festival of the Arts](#) has been around for over five decades and has become a Valley staple. The Downtown Tempe Foundation is hopeful that our events can return in the future.

Now more than ever, it is vital to help our small businesses and artists. We are working to build a full Artist Directory for every artist who would have been showcased at these three canceled festivals. Please continue to look for updates on our [website](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

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**About Downtown Tempe Authority:** Since 1993, the award-winning [Downtown Tempe Authority](#) has been the private, non-profit organization that works in partnership with the City of Tempe to increase the value of Downtown Tempe through enhanced management, safety, marketing and promotional services on behalf of DTA members and other downtown stakeholders.

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