

**Dear friends and supporters of the Brookings Summer Arts Festival:**

In light of current news relating to the spread of COVID-19, we understand that many of you may be wondering about the status of the 2020 Brookings Summer Arts Festival, and carefully considering your future plans.

Our sincere thoughts go out to those affected by COVID-19, both directly and indirectly. It is accurate to say this is a crisis of which many of us have never faced. The safety of our vendors, visitors and community members is of utmost importance, and the BSAF committee takes this situation seriously. We also care deeply about the Festival, its rich history and the joy it brings to thousands each year.

At this time, we continue the planning and preparation to produce the Brookings Summer Arts Festival on July 11 & 12, 2020 as scheduled.

However, we must acknowledge that this is a fluid situation with decisions from public health leaders still unfolding. There are too many unknowns at this time to make any predictions but, we remain very hopeful that the show will go on. We would love to be able to celebrate art, music, friendship and good times at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual BSAF this summer.

Our committee members will continue to closely monitor all local, state and federal guidelines regarding COVID-19. We will reassess the situation in the coming months. In the event that public health or safety is still in question this summer, we will make any necessary adjustments. The BSAF committee would never ask anyone to attend an event that is not safe.

We feel it's important to send a message of hope. Not just hope that our festival won't be affected but hope that people will be able to return to a normal daily life and enjoy the experiences they are looking forward to.

We will update this information if/when there are changes.

-Brookings Summer Arts Festival Organizers