

SUWANEE CANCELS BROADWAY IN THE PARK

Suwanee, GA, Saturday, July 4, 2020 —Following increasing concerns about the spread of COVID-19, the City of Suwanee has cancelled the popular Suwanee Performing Arts event Broadway in the Park, originally scheduled to perform at Town Center Park on July 24 & 25 with Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance JR.*, followed by Disney's *Moana JR.*

Suwanee Performing Arts (SPA) is a nonprofit community arts organization founded on the principle "art is life." SPA provides quality performance opportunities to, and by, the community, focussing on youth who may not have the opportunity to otherwise express themselves through the performing arts. All of SPA's programs are supplemented by fundraisers, corporate sponsors, and individual donors. Broadway in the Park is SPA's most ambitious fundraiser of the year.

From SPA: We are devastated to share this news with you. "The show must go on" is in our DNA, and this is the first time since Suwanee Performing Arts was founded in 2007 that Broadway in the Park will not take place. The family friendly event usually draws capacity crowds for these performances, up to 4,000 people each night. Based on the information available today, we feel the decision to not move ahead is in the best interest of our community.

Although we won't be gathering in person, we are offering ways to support Broadway in the Park so that we can come back better than ever in 2021. Here's how you can help:

1. **Donate the Cost of Reserved Seats.** While Broadway in the Park is cancelled, you can choose to donate the cost of reserved seating to benefit Suwanee Performing Arts. Otherwise, let us know if you'd like us to provide you with a refund.
2. **Check to See if Your Employer Will Double Your Donation.** Right now, every little bit helps. Please ask if your company will match your gift to us by submitting a matching gift request.
3. **Join our Virtual 5K (with a Pirate Theme).** "Move yer booty!" SPA's annual 5K has gone virtual! Stay fit, have fun, and pick up some swag while supporting the cause and maintaining physical distance. Registration is open now through July 19.
4. **Score Something Awesome in Our Online Auction and 50/50 Raffle.** Just because we can't meet doesn't mean you can't win a treat! **50/50 raffle** tickets are available now; the winner will be drawn on **July 25** in a live-stream. The **online auction** is live from July 18 to July 25. Get details, see what's up for grabs, buy tickets and place bids on our online **auction page**.

We are looking into providing an online event in the future; follow us on **FaceBook** to stay informed. We look forward to seeing you back in the park in 2021!

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