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THREE RIVERS FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO FILE BANKRUPTCY

Fort Wayne, IN – It is with a heavy heart that after 55 wonderful years, the Three Rivers Festival Board of Directors must announce that there will be no 2025 Three Rivers Festival. Despite their best efforts to find a solution to turn the situation around, the board will begin bankruptcy proceedings with a local attorney. Any proceeds from the liquidation of assets will be turned over to satisfy current debts.

“We are very grateful to those who have supported us over the years, and most recently during our crowdfunding efforts. We can’t do this without the Fort Wayne community’s support,” says Sara Roach, President of the Board of Directors. “Unfortunately, the work to secure additional funding and streamline operations was insufficient to move forward. The recent years’ losses coupled with the current economic climate has made it impossible for the Three Rivers Festival to operate. The on-going revitalization projects downtown have been a positive element for the overall development of our great city. However, they have also curtailed our ability to use essential outdoor locations for our festivals.

“Festivals locally as well as around the country have either scaled back or shut down completely. We know we are not alone in our struggles. Over the past several months we have talked with several community members and interested stakeholders. The response has been undeniably positive in continuing the festival,” said Ms. Roach, “but the financial support just isn’t there. The sad result is that we feel the festival, while beloved and nostalgic, has run its course and will now become part of the history of Northeast Indiana that we have celebrated for 55 years.”

The board wishes to express deep appreciation for the support received in the past and hopes that all of that support will be invested in other community events.

About the Three Rivers Festival

Founded in 1969, the Three Rivers Festival has been one of Indiana’s most cherished traditions, showcasing live music, local food, arts, and family-friendly entertainment. As the second-largest festival in the state, it regularly attracted thousands of visitors, bolstering Fort Wayne’s cultural and economic vitality.

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