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Colorado Public Radio’s Indie 102.3 to Host Candid Town Hall on the State of Live Music in the COVID-19 Era

CENTENNIAL, Colo. Aug. 11, 2020 – Indie 102.3 will host a community town hall on Thursday with independent music venues from across the Front Range to discuss the challenges they are facing due to COVID-19 and the daunting future of live music. Venue representatives will meet on Zoom to share candid insights into their experiences.

Indie 102.3 host Bruce Trujillo will moderate the conversation with owners and managers of venues in Fort Collins, Boulder, Denver and Manitou Springs. The town hall will be publicly available on Indie 102.3’s Facebook page.

“We know this is a trying time for all types of live events, and many of our favorite independent music venues are hurting,” said Trujillo. “Some are staying temporarily closed, some are getting creative, and others are watching their peers close up for good. We felt it was our place to host this conversation and help music fans see what considerations are taking place behind the curtain.”

Participants in the conversation will be:
- David Weingarden of Z2 Entertainment, which runs the Boulder Theater and Fox Theater in Boulder, and the Aggie in Fort Collins.
- Gwen and Scott Campbell, who run Denver’s Larimer Lounge, Lost Lake Lounge and Globe Hall.
- Chris Zacher, executive director of Denver’s Levitt Pavilion, an outdoor venue that typically hosts free concerts in the summer.
- Marc Benning from Lulu’s Downstairs, which was recently reintroduced to the Manitou Springs community, just outside of Colorado Springs.

The town hall will be available to watch here starting at 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 13.

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