



**The Center for the Arts closes its doors.  
Programs postponed or cancelled, lays off staff.**

*Friday, 3/20/2020 @ 4:00 pm*

Due to COVID-19 and its severe impacts on local businesses, the Center for the Arts has closed its doors until further notice.

In a board meeting held on Tuesday and subsequent committee meetings held Wednesday, The Center's Board of Directors made the incredibly difficult decision to suspend all remaining programming and lay off staff. With programming temporarily suspended and concerts postponed, the Center is left without a source of revenue.

In accordance with the [Standing Public Health Order](#) issued on Monday, March 16 by Gunnison County Public Health, the Center for the Arts building will remain closed to all visitors and staff until further notice.

As of close of business on Friday, March 20, the majority of the Center's staff will finish their last day of work. The remaining staff, together with the entire Center's Board of Directors, will continue to work diligently to raise money through the COVID-19 shut down, then resume our programming as we gradually invite staff to return. Our goal is to continue to fulfill our mission as your community arts center.

Any questions will be fielded by the remaining staff. Please email us at [info@crestedbuttearts.org](mailto:info@crestedbuttearts.org). Please allow us a few days to return your outreach.

Given this unfortunate set of circumstances, refunds for cancelled or postponed live shows, classes and workshops will be slow to process until the Center can establish a more secure financial footing. In all honesty, refunds may take a good amount of time to

process so we ask for your patience. Please be assured that we are doing all that we can with the limited resources available.

Here's what to do:

For ticket holders or class registrants who know they cannot attend a rescheduled date, **we ask that you forgo a refund and consider your ticket purchase a donation to the Center for the Arts** to help us through these challenging times.

Should you need to request an exchange or a refund, please do so by emailing [info@crestedbuttearts.org](mailto:info@crestedbuttearts.org). Please include the name of the artist or event, class or workshop in your subject line. Due to the current high volume of requests and reduced staff, please allow at least 5 business days for a response from the Center.

Again, we are working to reschedule the cancelled events for this summer or fall and we will communicate with ticket holders about the status of those rescheduled dates as soon as we know the details. So far, Anders Osborne + Jackie Greene has been rescheduled for Sunday, August 9 at 8 pm. New show dates will be posted on Facebook and on [crestedbuttearts.org](http://crestedbuttearts.org). If you decide to hold on to your tickets to attend a rescheduled event (and we certainly encourage that you do), your tickets will be valid on that future date. No exchange will be necessary.

To help you stay informed, here are a few resources for you:

[Center for Disease Control](#)

[Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment COVID-19 Info](#)

General questions about COVID-19:

Call CO-Help at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911 or email [COHELP@RMPDC.org](mailto:COHELP@RMPDC.org)

Thank you for your attention and understanding during this most difficult time.

**We have a terrific lineup of events planned for Summer 2020 and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Center!**