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The Phantom Regiment to perform at Fireworks on the Ohio

The Champion Drum and Bugle Corps to entertain crowd at 7:30 p.m. on July 4th

ANNOUNCEMENT – June 21, 2021: The DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE – Economic Improvement District (EID) will welcome the 1996 and 2008 Drum Corps International World Champions “The Phantom Regiment” at Fireworks on the Ohio Presented by Tropicana Evansville, Sunday, July 4, 2021. The Regiment is based in Rockford, Illinois, and the performance will feature 165 musicians. The thirty-minute, free performance is sponsored by the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana Community Arts Fund and will be held at the intersection of Main Street and Riverside Drive. The Phantom Regiment was formed in 1956 in Rockford, Illinois.

“Wow! This uniquely American musical tradition, with its roots in WWI marches, works so well with our patriotic display, and Downtown’s and Evansville’s historic connection to the First World War,” said Josh Armstrong, EID President.

“This will be the Regiment’s first public performance since Drum Corps International World Championships were last held in August of 2019. Our 165 members have been working and waiting a long time for this moment,” added David Warren, Director of the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. “The city of Evansville has a rich history when it comes to drum and bugle corps, and I cannot think of a better way to celebrate our return to the field than celebrating with this community. The support we’ve received from the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, and our Evansville ‘phans’, is providing an incredible experience for our members and audiences this summer.”

“We invest in projects that bring people together through the arts. The Phantom Regiment is traveling to Evansville to work with over 400 local music students, and we’re excited that this partnership with the EID’s Fireworks on the Ohio will enhance that educational and artist impact on our community,” said Anne McKim, Executive Director, Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana.

Armstrong feels the values of the Phantom Regiment and Downtown Evansville are uniquely aligned: “The Regiment’s focus on bringing one’s personal best to a

communal effort resonates with the EID. Like a Downtown neighborhood, everyone does their part and the whole becomes greater for it.”

Visit DowntownEvansville.com or follow “Downtown Evansville Indiana” on all social media platforms for updates on the EID and Fireworks on the Ohio.

Performance videos, history, and other information on the Phantom Regiment can be found at Regiment.org or “Phantom Regiment” on social media platforms.

The Arts Council can be found at artswin.org and on social media as “The Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana,” or by visiting the gallery at 212 Main Street in Downtown Evansville.

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About DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE - Economic Improvement District

Following a 2017 petition process of member property owners, the EID was formed in 2018 to provide benefits and services to member properties paid for by a special annual assessment on these properties. The EID builds a more active and inclusive Downtown Evansville. It enhances resident, consumer, investor, worker, and visitor experiences in Downtown Evansville. In 2021, the EID will produce over sixty events and experiences in Downtown Evansville, welcoming over 50,000 people to the District.

Photos courtesy of Phantom Regiment.

