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## Special Fourth of July Concert to Be Broadcast

**Bakersfield, CA** – The Bakersfield Municipal Band, who many people refer to as the Beale Park Band, will perform a special Fourth of July concert to be broadcast on several media outlets Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 – 7:30pm.

The Bakersfield Municipal Band is made up primarily of local Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra musicians and with the support of the City of Bakersfield, has a long history of performing live concerts each Sunday evening during the month of June at the Beale Park Amphitheater. While many look forward to the festive live-music atmosphere in the park each year, the musicians have found a way to bring the music into the homes of an even wider audience during COVID-19 restrictions.

The Band has a rich history in Bakersfield. It originated before the turn of the century and in its present incarnation, has been going strong with no breaks since just after World War II. “I was not going let COVID-19 break this important tradition,” said Bakersfield Symphony and Municipal Band percussionist, Cyndi Hicks, who puts her heart and soul into this project every year to make sure it happens. “The emotion we all felt on that stage when we started playing this year was indescribable.”

Social-distancing measures were carefully put into place in order for 37 musicians to perform and record this special Fourth of July concert at Mechanics Bank Theater. The band is directed by Doug Kelley, Director of Bands at Frontier High School.

The concert will be broadcast on the following platforms:

- Bakersfield Symphony media sponsor KERO 23ABC-TV will broadcast over the air and also over their media platforms: Facebook, Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire and all 23ABC’s streaming devices.
- The Beale Park Band Facebook page
- The Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra Facebook page
- The Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra YouTube channel
- City of Bakersfield Facebook page
- City of Bakersfield YouTube channel
- City of Bakersfield Recreation and Parks Facebook page
- Kern Government Television:
  - Bakersfield Brighthouse Networks Channel 16
  - AT&T U-verse Channel 99
  - Boron Charter Cable Channel 18
  - California City Charter Cable Channel 18
  - Frazier Park Cal Neva Cable Channel 18
  - Lake Isabella MediaCom Cable Channel 16
  - Mojave Charter Cable Channel 18
  - Rosamond Charter Cable Channel 18
  - Ridgecrest MediaCom Cable Channel 16

**About the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra:** The Bakersfield Symphony is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to enrich our community through the power of music.

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