Dear Friends, Family & Fans of Carolina Crown,

We are reaching out on behalf of the entire Crown organization (Board of Directors, Staff and Members) to let you know that our collective thoughts and prayers are with each of your own immediate family and friends during these unimaginable times and hardship.

As you know, for the first time during the last 30 years, Crown must go silent with the sights and sounds that you have become most familiar with this time of the year. Crown has held to a simple mission and some core values that have defined who we are and how we do all that we do. In determining a path forward for the organization, like you perhaps, we simply don't know where this all goes and for how long, nor do we know what the landscape will look like on the other side. However, we at Crown do know these core values of Integrity, Commitment, Respect, and Excellence have served us well and will continue to be our mantra going forward.

Toward that end, we have no intention of suspending the operations of the organization as a whole. Quite the contrary. Because of our broad reach in other areas including our Partners in Education and Concert Band series and our CrownCARES initiative that has served over 10,000 children in only 5 years, Carolina Crown will use this time to reflect upon what we find most important in a changing society. There is no doubt that music and pageantry will play a significant part in the healing and future of our country, as art and beauty is necessary to society. We expect that Crown will continue to bring smiles and joy to both our members and fans for years to come.

As for the drum corps, we are already continuing to engage with everyone that was contracted and still in the mix of preparation for the 2020 season. As you have seen via our social media channels, the brass has been active with virtual development and presented recordings for your pleasure, the percussion has a summer program whereby members are still learning music for the now 2021 show, along with free clinics offered to anyone interested in learning our methods. In addition, the guard will be starting a 12-week program as well with engagement of over 80 students come this month. Why you may ask? Because the members at heart want to continue as they strive to live up to their own expectations of experiencing excellence.

You see, we as an organization are here for the students and believe in what their dreams of the future can be. A future of performing for the many fans will come true. That day, although not as close as we would like, will be here before you know it. But to be honest…

WE NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER… We NEED your support, Right Here…Right Now, if you can. That said, we encourage everyone to focus time and attention on a greater mission, to make it through a tough and anxious time, working together in community to help loved ones and others who might be struggling. To consider what is truly important in each of our lives and striving to give those things proper attention. We at Crown believe that our best is yet to come, a mindset we have held since our inception. Like our members it keeps us looking forward.

Be safe, and know that your Crown family is here, forging ahead while working through the challenges of the day along with you.

Sincerely,

Executive Director; Carolina Crown

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