

# ASSOCIATION NEWS: Columbus Metropolitan Club

May 27, Noon – CMC Livestreaming YouTube

## Special Report: Un-Conventional Time for Tourism, Entertainment & Arts

Columbus was on a roll, with Experience Columbus reporting record convention and visitor business at its annual meeting on March 4. Attendees that night were shocked, confused and skeptical to learn that that very day Governor Mike DeWine had closed the Arnold Classic exhibition and forbade spectators at the competitions. WHAT?

Looking back, general wisdom agrees that dramatic and gutsy decision saved hundreds, possibly thousands of COVID-19 cases for the city and the Arnold attendees from around the country and globe.

Little did anyone know that was just the beginning of what would be a bloodbath for the travel and tourism industry, hotels, restaurants, bars, airlines..... Experience Columbus reported since the outbreak, 37 groups have canceled events in Columbus that would have meant 86,000 room nights and \$74



Ross

million in spending. Ironically, opening night for “My Fair Lady,” was also CAPA’s closing night of public performances, as the next day the Governor limited gatherings to no more than 10 people. Theaters and museums closed.

Live musical performances, the Columbus Arts Festival, Red, White & Boom, and countless other events

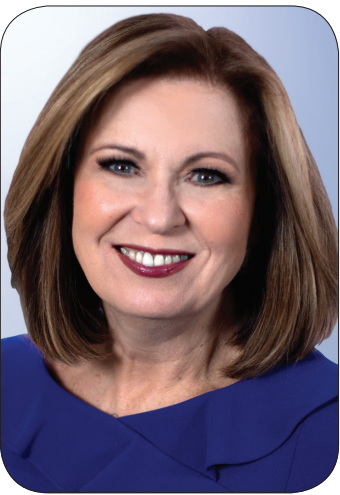


Whittington

and festivals — have all been cancelled, postponed or optimistically rescheduled.

These industries depend on ticket sales and bed taxes. How are they adapting and surviving in the short run and what is the plan for bringing them back?

Industry leaders **Brian Ross**, President and CEO, Experience Columbus, **Chad Whittington**, President &



Marshall

CEO, CAPA, will discuss their reality and optimism with host **Colleen Marshall**, Co-Ancor, WCMH-NBC4.

Livestreaming Partners: NBC4 and NBC4i, MORPC, PNC, OSU Wexner Medical Center, Tom E. Dailey Foundation, WOSU and The Columbus Dispatch.

With Support from Columbus Regional Airport Authority.

May 6, Noon – Livestreaming YouTube

## Special Report: Nonprofits Frontline Response

**Lisa Courtice**, President & CEO, United Way of Central Ohio, **Chuck Gehring**, President and CEO, Lifecare Alliance, with host **Colleen Marshall**, Co-Ancor, WCMH-NBC4

Livestreaming Partners: NBC4 and NBC4i, MORPC, PNC, OSU Wexner Medical Center, Tom E. Dailey Foundation, WOSU and The Columbus Dispatch

With support from Grange and the Crane Group



Above: Host Colleen Marshall, panelists Charles Gehring and Lisa Courtice, and CMC President and CEO Jane Scott.



Left: Charles Gehring and Lisa Courtice

## 25-Hour Online Giving Rally

*The Big Give will provide critical support to the Columbus Metropolitan Club and other nonprofits working to strengthen and improve the central Ohio region during this unprecedented time*

The Big Give will provide critical support to the Columbus Metropolitan Club and other nonprofits working to strengthen and improve the central Ohio region during this unprecedented time.

Using The Giving Store, the Foundation’s online marketplace, you can share your kindness and give to CMC or one or more of 1,100 nonprofits across a 10-county region\*. Your gift will be enhanced on a pro rata basis thanks to a \$1 million+ Bonus Pool

made possible by generous donors and corporate partners.

Please consider a generous gift to CMC through the BIG GIVE!

We believe that conversation is essential to help our community stay strong and stay connected all the time and especially during the health crisis.

In the spirit of our mission and as an essential service to our community, CMC is providing livestreaming on YouTube, every Wednesday at noon, free of charge.

All credit card fees will be covered, so **100 percent** of your donation goes to the Giving Store nonprofit(s) you choose to support.

**The Big Give is your BIG opportunity to help others during these challenging times.**

**Join us and make a difference on June 10–11.**

**Wednesday, June 10, 10 a.m. ET through Thursday, June 11, 11 a.m. ET. For details, visit columbusfoundation.org #biggive**

## When will CMC Return to Live Audiences at the Boat House?

From Jane Scott, President and CEO

That’s the \$64,000 question, isn’t it? And, it’s a question that I get multiple times a day as my team and I work remotely, orchestrate weekly Livestreaming forums and pray that our members and sponsors will continue supporting us.

While Livestreaming our forums has “kept the conversation going,” and drawn an entirely new audience of thousands for CMC, we long to also have live audiences, albeit perhaps smaller than our former 220-person average.

Last Wednesday May 13, I met with Ed Reynoso, General Manager of the Boat House, Asst. Director of Special Events Regina Myers and Executive Chef Zoltan. They are consulting with the Ohio Department of Health to clarify guidelines for banquet facilities.

As part of the national chain of Specialty Restaurants, the Boat House is im-



Future live audience forums will have limited attendance, far fewer than the former 220 average.

plementing significant safety and sanitation standards throughout the system.

- Electronic thermometer readings of guests at entry
- All employees will wear facemasks, servers will wear gloves
- Signage to encourage physical distancing
- Multiple hand sanitation stations throughout the facility

- installation of touchless faucets and soap dispensers in restrooms
- All doors remain open whenever possible
- Opening and Closing machine (mist) sanitation
- Multiple-times-per-day sanitizing handles, door-knobs, public surfaces
- Extensive staff training in COVID-19 specifically, and

“serve safe,” with mandatory adherence

Additionally, for CMC forums, we will require guests to wear face masks except during dining. Dining room numbers will be limited, with tables seating three – four guests. Paper napkins, no bread service, no coffee and cookies following the forum, pre-dressed salads with a single plated meal. Name tags will be the annoying sticky label ones!

Details could change, but this is what we know now. If you have questions, ideas, concerns, please share them with us. We are eager to see you but will be watching how COVID-19 numbers look over the first few weeks as restaurants and businesses reopen before we make a decision to bring folks back to CMC forums.

Until then, thank you for tuning in via livestreaming. We will continue livestreaming forums indefinitely.

## – Calendar of Events –

When you become detached mentally from yourself and concentrate on helping people with their difficulties, you will be able to cope with your own more effectively. Somehow, the act of self-giving is a personal power-releasing factor.  
February 12, *Positive Thinking Every Day*,  
Norman Vincent Peale

### Upcoming Forums

#### Live-streaming New Content and Encore Forums

We are presenting **livestreaming LIVE, NEW content forums at noon on Wednesday** until we can reconvene in-house audiences. The livestream **Special Report Series** is supported by NBC4i, MORPC, PNC, WOSU, Tom E. Dailey Foundation, OSU Wexner Medical Center and the Columbus Dispatch.

We will livestream the popular **Encore Forums at 11 a.m.** as a warm-up to the main new forum.

The forums are **FREE** to view but we encourage you to **register to submit questions and to support CMC by purchasing a virtual seat!**

**WATCH your email for additions to our schedule. We are adding livestreaming NEW CONTENT each week.**



Paz



Thaer



Marshall

Wednesday, May 20, NOON Livestreaming - YouTube

#### Special Report: Battelle and Wexner Medical Create Innovative Solutions

Featuring Dr. **Harold Paz**, Executive Vice President & Chancellor for Health Affairs, OSU and CEO, OSU Wexner Medical Center, and **Lewis “Lou” Von Thaer**, President & CEO, Battelle. with host **Colleen Marshall**, Co-Ancor, WCMH-NBC4

Livestreaming Partners: NBC4 and NBC4i, MORPC, PNC, OSU Wexner Medical Center, Tom E. Dailey Foundation, WOSU and The Columbus Dispatch, with support from Cardinal Health

With additional support from Puffin Foundation West, in Honor of Dr. Mark Earl Pierce, one of the heroes at OSU Wexner Medical Center

Wednesday, May 27, NOON Livestreaming - YouTube

#### Special Report: Un-Conventional Time for Tourism, Entertainment & Arts

Featuring **Brian Ross**, President and CEO, Experience Columbus, **Chad Whittington**, President and CEO, CAPA, with host **Colleen Marshall**, Co-Ancor, WCMH-NBC4

Livestreaming Partners: NBC4 and NBC4i, MORPC, PNC, OSU Wexner Medical Center, Tom E. Dailey Foundation, WOSU and The Columbus Dispatch  
With Support from Columbus Regional Airport Authority

Wednesday, June 3, NOON Livestreaming - YouTube

#### Special Report: New Lesson Plan for Education

Featuring **Talisa Dixon**, Superintendent, Columbus City Schools and Dr. **Robert Gervasi**, President, Ohio Dominican University with host **Colleen Marshall**, Co-Ancor, WCMH-NBC4

Livestreaming Partners: NBC4 and NBC4i, MORPC, PNC, OSU Wexner Medical Center, Tom E. Dailey Foundation, WOSU and The Columbus Dispatch

Wednesday, June 10, NOON Livestreaming – YouTube

#### Special Report: Richard Cordray: Watchdog

Featuring **Richard Cordray**, former first Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) from 2012 to 2017; former Ohio’s Attorney General, Solicitor General, and Treasurer, author of newly-released book Watchdog with host **Colleen Marshall**, Co-Ancor, WCMH-NBC4

Livestreaming Partners: NBC4 and NBC4i, MORPC, PNC, OSU Wexner Medical Center, Tom E. Dailey Foundation, WOSU and The Columbus Dispatch

### ENCORE Forums

Wednesday, May 20 at 11 a.m., on Facebook and YouTube

#### White Lies: The Truth About Segregation in America

Originally presented and recorded on Mar. 7, 2018  
Featuring **Noceeba Southern**, Judge, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review; **Lawrence Funderburke**, Author and Former OSU & NBA Basketball Player; and **Richard Rothstein**, Author and Research Associate, Economic Policy Institute. Hosted by **Tim Feran**, Journalist.

Wednesday, May 27 at 11 a.m., on Facebook and YouTube

#### Michael Moritz: The Midas Touch

Originally presented and recorded on Dec. 13, 2011  
Featuring **Michael Moritz**, Investment Guru, and **Mark Kvamme**, CIO, JobsOhio.

Encore Forums: Job titles for all speakers represent the roles they were in when the forum was originally presented.

Anyone requesting additional information may contact the CMC staff at [staff@columbusmetroclub.org](mailto:staff@columbusmetroclub.org) or visit [www.columbusmetroclub.org](http://www.columbusmetroclub.org).

The CMC offices have moved! Please be sure to update our address to  
1041 Dublin Road, Suite 103  
Columbus, Ohio 43215