

RE: Notice of postponement of Maplewoodstock Due to Coronavirus Pandemic and NJ Governor's <u>Directive</u>

Dear Eric and Tom:

As we are all grappling with the current Coronavirus pandemic disaster, it has become clear that gatherings, and festivals have become at risk and prohibited. Unfortunately, as you know, businesses are closing down, and in fact, in NJ., Governor Phil Murphy has issued an order that prohibits any gatherings of people, and a stay at home order for the foreseeable future. Maplewoodstock is a community event with thousands of people attending, and would be strictly prohibited at the moment. As Maplewoodstock relies on sponsorships, sales of merchandise, and advertising to fund the festival, our inability to engage in such fundraising activities leads us to the decision that we sadly cannot go forward with the festival in July. We do not take this decision lightly, but we truly have no choice. If we are able to reschedule the concert (perhaps in the fall), we would love for Galactic to participate, if their schedule can accommodate a new date. At this time the potential dates, (subject to Township approval), are as follows; August, 29, August 30, September 5, September 6, October 2, October 3, October 9 or October 10. Our preference would be, again subject to Township approval, Labor Day weekend (9/5-6).

Another alternative is for Galactic to headline our 2021 festival. The tentative dates for 2021 are July 10th and July 11th, subject to Township approval.

Of course, as a result of this cancellation, of which we hereby give PRODUCER, ARTIST and AGENT notice, Maplewoodstock/PURCHASER will not go forward at this time with Galactic's performance or with the remaining payment of 50% of the fee with regards to the July 11, 2020 performance. We ask that in view of the unforeseen Coronavirus Pandemic, and the extreme situation that the country and world finds itself, that, unless you are able to commit Galactic to perform at a future date in 2020, you return the 50% deposit of \$12,500 that, because of the happenstance of timing, we just paid a couple of weeks ago. If, as suggested above, Galactic is unavailable to perform on any one of the future dates in 2020, but is willing and able to perform on either July 10th or 11th, 2021, we would ask that you still return the deposit which would be a tremendous help for us to be able secure a replacement headliner for the 2020 event. While we understand that you may have an argument that the contract allows you to retain that deposit, we hope that we can reach an amicable resolution where that deposit is returned to us in view of Maplewoodstock being a not for profit community event, and the funds that we receive from donations, sponsorships, merchandise sales, and other fees are no longer available to us, or at best are significantly reduced. It would be untenable for us to lose \$12,500 with no offset available to us. We hope that you will have no issue with our request, particularly since there has been no announcement of Galactic's performance, no advertising or marketing or use of Galactic's name in any fashion - and no actions, activities, expense or performance by Galactic. In view of all this we hope that, unless you are able to commit Galactic to perform at a future date in 2020, you agree that the return of the deposit is in order.

We truly hope that we and the country get this unbelievably surreal health and economic disaster behind us, and that we have the opportunity to work together going forward. Thank you so much for your understanding and consideration. We look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

On behalf of the Maplewoodstock Committee

Tom Kerns, Chair