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When Ryan McMahon took to the Townshend Theatre stage on March 13 as the fifth show of the 2019-20 Tour de Fort season, no one knew the impact the COVID19 pandemic would have on live music. Almost every live music event across the country was cancelled or postponed over the summer. In recent weeks, tentative first steps to small, socially distant concerts have been happening across the country, but it is a long road back to normalcy.

Traditionally, the Tour de Fort season starts in September. Given the ongoing pandemic, travel restrictions, and public health guidelines regarding social gatherings, staging concerts at Townshend Theatre remains impossible. We have been working closely with our 2020-21 artists to ensure the resumption of Tour de Fort occurs in a safe environment for our performers, technical crews, and live music fans.

Despite the challenges facing organizations such as Tour de Fort, we find ourselves in a strong financial position moving forward, and are cautiously optimistic we will be able to present a shortened season starting in the new year. While we cannot yet announce our lineup, Tour de Fort fans can look forward to the same high quality, award winning Canadian entertainment they have come to expect.

We can confirm that Juno Award Winner Molly Johnson has committed to rescheduling her Tour de Fort show. All tickets and passports for the original April 1, 2020 concert will be honoured at her makeup date.

An announcement on the new season's performers and dates will be made once details have been confirmed and we are confident in our ability to safely stage concerts in accordance with all public health regulations. Ticket sales will be opened when a lineup announcement has been made.

Tour de Fort encourages you to support touring artists in whatever way you are able. To find a list of past performers, please visit www.tourdefort.com. For updates and announcements follow us at www.facebook.com/tourdefort or @tourdefort on Instagram.