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OCEAN INSTITUTE FEST CULINARY – MUSIC FESTIVAL TO BE RESCHEDULED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

DANA POINT (March 12, 2020)— According to Dr. Wendy Marshall, Ocean Institute has come to the very difficult decision to postpone Ocean Institute Fest due to concerns related to the coronavirus. The event is rescheduled for September 11 and 12, 2020 to coincide with the Tall Ships Festival.

Ocean Institute Fest, previously known as the Jazz Festival, directly supports the Adopt-A-Class program that provides underserved students with hands-on STEM education. Even though this is Ocean Institute's biggest annual fundraiser, the safety of all guests and staff must come first.

Dr. Marshall says, although we are disappointed to make this change, we are certain that it is the appropriate decision and that our new dates will offer even more opportunity for an optimal event.

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding. We remain committed to ocean education programs and are look forward to Ocean Institute Fest this Fall.

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About Ocean Institute

Ocean Institute is a highly respected ocean science, maritime history and experiential education nonprofit located in Dana Point Harbor, California. Its modern campus is adjacent to the Dana Point State Marine Conservation Area, and encompasses 33,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits, science labs and an aquarium collection of 1,100 live specimens of local marine life. Central to its unique identity throughout California, Ocean Institute operates two historic tall ships, *Spirit of Dana Point* and *Pilgrim*, a replica of the ship
made famous by Richard Henry Dana Jr. in his epic memoir “Two Years Before the Mast.”
Ocean Institute also operates the 70-foot research vessel Sea Explorer. Over a span of forty
years Ocean Institute has enriched the lives of two million California students with a
mission of “using the ocean as our classroom, we inspire children to learn.” Ocean Institute
serves over 100,000 students, teachers and families each year with a hands-on approach to
ocean-related science, research and conservation. Ocean Institute’s diverse elementary,
middle and high school program inventory is STEM-focused and aligned with California
Common Core Standards. To learn more about Ocean Institute, including the annual Tall
Ships Festival presented by Toshiba and Ocean Institute Fest, please visit
www.oceaninstitute.org.