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Jersey City to Cancel 2010 Fourth of July Fireworks Display & Concert Due to Budget Cuts Funding to be Allocated to Summerfest Concerts & Concerts at the MLK HUB

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy announced today that the city’s annual **Fourth of July concert and fireworks** display will be canceled due to the current fiscal situation, one that is not unique to Jersey City. Instead of the Independence Day event, the funding will be allocated toward approximately 20 other concerts and cultural events during the months of July and August, including the Summerfest Concert Series which has been running continuously for more than 30 years.

In addition to **Summerfest**, the Division of Cultural Affairs will also be organizing its annual **Dance Series at the J. Owen Grundy Pier** and the **MLK Concerts at the HUB**. Other events are still under discussion.

“While we are disappointed that we have to cancel our well-attended annual Fourth of July celebration, it only made sense during this difficult economic time to spread the funding out across several events in different parts of the city,” said Mayor Healy. “If the economy improves, we hope to be able to resume the fireworks next year at Liberty State Park, what we consider to be the greatest venue for an Independence Day Celebration.”

The Division of Cultural Affairs has also sought corporate funding, as it has in years past, for its **Jazz for Lunch** concert series held along the waterfront during July and August.

Other cities who have canceled their 2010 Fourth of July fireworks include Chicago, Stamford, Conn., and Jones Beach, NY.

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