



April 19, 2019

The Honorable Fred Girod and  
The Honorable Paul Holvey  
Co-Chairs, Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction  
State Capitol  
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 5030 – Lottery bonds for Gerry Frank I Salem Rotary Amphitheater Project

Dear Senator Girod, Representative Holvey and members of the committee:

On behalf of the World Beat Festival, I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Gerry Frank | Salem Rotary Amphitheater. Over the past 21 years, World Beat has managed more than 315 live performances in Salem's Riverfront Park amphitheater as part of its annual 2-day festival in celebration of diversity and intercultural understanding and awareness.

We look forward to being among the event organizers who will enjoy the benefits of a first-class stage and cover with upgraded electrical service and rigging trusses for the highest quality lighting and sound. This new venue will help World Beat attract top name performances, which, in turn, will help us to provide diverse and engaging entertainment opportunities for the community.

Moreover, as an organization that focuses on cultural diversity and understanding through live musical performance, World Beat is excited to host our entertainers beneath a stage cover that was, in fact, designed with artistic inspiration from the Native American Kalapuya who once lived near the stage site. The new amphitheater will enable cultural expression through performance and serve as a unique and iconic cultural landmark for the state of Oregon.

The new amphitheater has World Beat's full support and we encourage your investment in the project.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Fish  
Executive Director