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Historic Canfield Casino Reopens for Weddings & Events

Saratoga Springs – Commissioner of Public Works Anthony “Skip” Scirocco announced today that the historic Canfield Casino is reopened for 2021 weddings and events. The world-renowned venue closed in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and because of New York State health and safety mandates which limited social gatherings.

“Weddings and events are back at the Canfield Casino,” said Commissioner Scirocco. “Guests will still need to follow CDC and State guidelines to attend, but this is the first step towards normalcy.”

The occupancy of the Canfield Casino will allow for events of up to 150 attendees in compliance with NYS guidelines. Additionally, as outlined by the Governor, all attendees must have proof of a recent negative test result or proof of immunization prior to the event, masks will be worn at all times except when eating or drinking, and socially-distances dancing is allowed in designated areas.

“While all of these requirements do not fit with what a traditional wedding or event would look like, these guidelines are in place to help prevent the spread of COVID. Hopefully as more people are vaccinated and time passes these restrictions will be eased as well,” said Scirocco.

The yearlong closure was not a completely lost one for the venue, explained Scirocco, as restoration work was completed inside.

“An upgraded sound system was installed in the venue, and detailed restoration work of the decorative woodwork in the parlor and bar was completed, along with refinishing the bar and ballroom floors. Small meticulous work that was difficult with regular events was completed during the closure. The air filters will also be upgraded in time for the first scheduled event,” said Scirocco.

Situated in beautiful Congress Park, in downtown Saratoga Springs, the Canfield Casino is designated as a National Historic Landmark, and the entire site is listed on the National

Register of Historic Places. It was originally built in 1870 as a gambling establishment by John Morrisey, and upgraded by Richard Canfield in 1902-3 to include the ornate ballroom. Canfield closed the establishment in 1907 and it was sold to the Village in 1911.

Interested parties should contact Mary in the Department of Public Works at 518-587-3550 ext. 2555 or mary.castanza@saratoga-springs.org to obtain a contract or for more information.

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