

## SPOLETO FESTIVAL USA

2021

MEDIA ALERT

### Venue Change: *The Woman in Black* moves to Festival Hall

All showtimes remain at 8:30pm

**May 14, 2021** – Spoleto Festival USA will move all performances of *The Woman in Black* to Festival Hall, located at 56 Beaufain Street. This change comes as an attempt to reduce noise pollution as a result of traffic reroutes on King Street in downtown Charleston. The previous venue, the Charleston Visitor Center Bus Shed, had been selected to accommodate audiences outdoors. But the new traffic patterns, initiated Thursday evening, will likely lead to an increase in cars and emergency vehicles on John and Ann Streets—potentially disturbing the intimate performances taking place between the two roadways. In a statement, Festival General Director Nigel Redden says: “The cast members are fully vaccinated and prepared to perform indoors. I’d like to thank Explore Charleston for making the Bus Shed available. But I am pleased that with the arrival of new guidance from the CDC, we will be able to head inside where weather and noise from traffic are not contending factors.”

In consultation, MUSC’s Back2Business team of healthcare professionals noted that the choice to preserve the performance’s artistic integrity was reasonable, especially considering the performers onstage will not be singing and the audience members will be asked to wear masks and stay physically distanced.

All ticket holders have been notified of the change via email. Tickets that have already been printed and mailed with the incorrect venue will still be honored.

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### Spoletto Festival USA

Founded in 1977, Spoleto Festival USA is an annual 17-day performing arts festival in Charleston, SC, that presents leading artists in classical and popular music, opera, jazz, dance, and theater. The 2021 season takes place May 28 to June 13 in various locations on the downtown peninsula, including the historic Dock Street Theatre and the Charleston Gaillard Center. Spoleto Festival USA is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization. Visit the online [press room](#).