

# Wheeling Jamboree Exits Wheeling Island Casino

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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WHEELING, WV: 30 months after a significant joint press conference event with officials of Delaware North (Operators of the Wheeling Island Hotel Casino – Racetrack) has informed the Historic Jamboree they no longer will be lending space for weekly Jamboree productions.

Notification in a letter sent to the Jamboree board of directors, dated April 1<sup>st</sup> by Casino Marketing Director Kim Florence, stated the following:

*“In coming months, we will be ramping up our efforts to book our showroom for more shows and player parties and our meeting rooms for outside banquets. These efforts support our regional casino destination position and allow us to use our showroom and meeting rooms as a source of revenue for our business. We are asking that you make arrangements to find another venue after your April 25, 2015 show, allowing you a 4 show advance notice of the change.”*

However, immediately after the April 18th Jamboree show, Showroom scheduling had apparently changed as staff of BG Audio (facility subcontractor’s), notified Jamboree officials that the space was now unavailable for April 25<sup>th</sup> to the Jamboree.

This is the 2nd time the Jamboree has had a multi-year run on the Southern end of Wheeling Island. The 1st time was from early 1966 through December 1969 while it was held at the Wheeling Island Exposition Hall, then moving to the Capitol Music Hall until December of 2005.

Jamboree President Dave Heath says *“the Artists and Volunteer Staff are grateful to the operators of the Casino for their assistance during our time on the Island.”*

Since 2006 Jamboree has aired both live studio shows and Live stage shows from Wesbanco Arena, John Marshall High School, The Strand Theatre and some 12 other locations in the greater Wheeling area. The Wheeling Jamboree will air archived shows on its new FM Radio station WWOV 101.1 FM until mid-June, when it resumes live broadcast stage shows from their new location in downtown Wheeling. Details of the new location have not yet been made available and will be made public in coming weeks.

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