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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Salt Lake City Department of Airports to Host Blue Tie Gala in The River Tunnel**

**What:** The Salt Lake City Department of Airports is hosting an invitation-only “Blue Tie Gala” event four years after opening Phase 1 of The New SLC. The pandemic prevented the airport from hosting a Black Tie Gala in fall 2020, so the Blue Tie Gala will provide an opportunity for staff involved in the Airport Redevelopment Program along with community leaders to celebrate four years later.

The Blue Tie Gala will take place in “The River Tunnel,” providing a preview of this large-scale art installation by Artist Gordon Huether. The River Tunnel is one of many large-scale art pieces installed at The New SLC that represent the beauty of Utah.

Invited guests will be able to hear the music of the tunnel for the first time at the Blue Tie Gala. More than 100 songs were curated by Artist Gordon Huether as part of The River Tunnel art installation and feature tunes that relate to travel and/or Utah. Songs such as “Salt Lake City,” by the Beach Boys, “Call of the Champions” by The Mormon Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square and “In My Own Little Corner of the World” by Marie Osmond—all featured on the playlist.

**When:** Saturday, September 14, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Program begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Who:**

- Bill Wyatt, Executive Director, Salt Lake City Department of Airports
- Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall
- Meng Aguirre, Managing Director, Delta Air Lines
- Terry Tempest Williams, Award-winning Author
- Artist Gordon Huether

**RSVP:** **Media interested in attending must RSVP by Friday, September 13 by 11 a.m.** with the individual’s legal name—as it appears on their driver’s license—and date of birth.

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