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Subject: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 15 Nov 2019 21:46:32 GMT

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As you can see in the "New Date, New Digs" thread, we've movin' this year. But just a few miles down the street, so all our old familiar restaurants and other fun spots are still close by. I'm super-excited for LSAF 2020!

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 17 Nov 2019 22:02:14 GMT

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subs. I may bring distributed subs too, if space permits, for a full multisub configuration.

What's new this year is the "all Italian" part. Both the midwoofer and compression driver are made by the Italian manufacturer, B&C. The midwoofer is the 12PLB100 and the tweeter is the DE250.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Barryso](#) on Mon, 18 Nov 2019 15:05:56 GMT

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Splendido!

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2020 02:02:58 GMT

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Hi Wayne, Not positive yet, but we may be there this year. If the phono preamp is ready in time. I'm likely to bring a vintage Empire 598 modded with an Origin Live arm and Grado Sonata II (plus other cartridges) to showcase the preamp. It is high enough output to work with a passive volume control into our power amps (I do this all the time). Not sure what else would be coming. Maybe some of my personal amps as we are not going to be pushing the existing kit ones. More to follow as it develops.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2020 14:52:36 GMT

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Lookin' forward to seeing you there!

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Wed, 04 Mar 2020 02:42:56 GMT

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Hi Wayne, Still a go.... however has anyone been in contact with the Hotel to see if in light of the present virus if they want large numbers of visitors to a fest? 8o

How about the potential exhibitors as well....are they OK with lots of folks coming to see their stuff? :?

Just trying to get a good handle on the event.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 04 Mar 2020 22:13:08 GMT

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You know, I don't think we'll have a feel for it for a couple more months. We'll know more as the planned date approaches.

I suppose it might make sense to bring Lysol and hand sanitizers. Maybe use Lysol from time to time to wipe down the surfaces of furniture and equipment that might have been touched.

Beyond the health concerns, I think a lot of the problems that organizations face is actually financial. Lots of events have been cancelled, but I think it is more because of financial fallout or potential risk of loss.

The structure of the Lone Star Audiofest makes it fairly invulnerable to things like this, at least from a financial perspective. We don't need to fill some percentage of rooms in order to "break-even" and we do not risk any loss. Everyone just agrees to meet at the same hotel and each is responsible for their own room cost. So we don't have to cancel the show for fear of not meeting a minimum sales amount and risking a loss.

This is the statement from Hilton corporate:

As it has always been, the safety and security of our guests and team members remains our highest priority. We take great pride in maintaining the highest standards of cleanliness and hygiene. In response to the coronavirus, we have taken additional measures developed in

consultation with global and local public health authorities (including the WHO and CDC) to make our cleaning and hygiene protocols even more rigorous:

- Our hotel teams are receiving ongoing briefings and enhanced operating protocols.
- We have increased the frequency of cleaning our public areas (including lobbies, elevators, door handles, public bathrooms, etc.) and have continued the use of hospital-grade disinfectant.
- We will continue to adjust food and beverage service in accordance with current food safety recommendations.
- We have increased the deployment of antibacterial hand sanitizers.
- We have activated our regional and global response teams to provide around-the-clock assistance to our hotels and are prepared to act swiftly should we be alerted to a case of coronavirus at one of our properties.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Barryso](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2020 00:46:54 GMT

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John Busch has two speakers planned for the show.

The first is an open baffle speaker using a 15" coax. He's done his magic on coax drivers before but this is a completely different coax.

The 2nd speaker is a 15" two way he's referred to as an Advent replacement. No idea what he'll end up calling it.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2020 03:48:08 GMT

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Sweet!

Now for the gossip:

Just as much as I'm eager to see John's new designs, I'm eager to talk to him about his communications with Hilton right after LSAF 2019. I've just gotta hear that story!

I mentioned John's displeasure with the Park Central property to their new management, and they were aware of him. I could tell from their tone that they weren't just saying they had heard of him - I knew they actually had. But I have no idea what they heard or thought.

I've been saying - with tongue in cheek - that he was responsible for Hilton selling the Park Central property to Interstate. But who knows? There may have been more truth to that than I know! :lol:

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Barryso](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2020 14:30:56 GMT

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The hotels shortcomings weren't as noticeable to the attendees, IMHO. The staff in the hotel were still very pleasant, too. But there were several unhappy vendors, John included.

It's not reasonable to believe John was responsible for the sale of the place but I'd lay odds that John's conversation with management touched on most of the hotels ills. John is one clear, concise dude. Would not want to debate him.

Looking forward to the new digs and hearing the new "Italian" 3 pis.

Fantastico!

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [KJ Knowles](#) on Wed, 08 Apr 2020 19:19:34 GMT

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Wayne,

I applaud your choice of B&C drivers. They make very well engineered and built driver units.

I work for one of the largest Pro Audio manufacturers (who shall remain nameless :) ) and naturally we design and build most of our own transducers. We were recently faced with designing some new coaxial devices and chose to OEM from B&C instead of tooling up for the drivers ourselves. They are that good.

I look forward to hearing your babies. I have not been to LSAF since 2014 when I had a just-for-fun room testing for listener preference between FFR and IIR active filters. Work has interfered, usually at the last minute, every single time since. :x I may team up with a friend this year to create a non-commercial loudspeaker design to show, also just-for-fun.

I hope the Show goes on as planned and look forward to seeing everyone there!

KJK

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 08 Apr 2020 21:27:53 GMT

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Can't wait to see you, my friend!

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 22 Apr 2020 14:23:10 GMT

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We're considering changing the date this year, to delay because of public concern over the coronavirus.

I personally would be happy to attend in June, and there are several of you that have expressed similar sentiments. We're all just ready to get out and get on with life! :lol:

But there are many people that are still concerned. And there are also many that live in areas where there are still travel restrictions.

So while I am hopeful that will all blow over by June, it might be best to delay a month or two.

Stay tuned! I'll announce here in a few days. We have an LSAF steering committee evaluating options and making a decision right now.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Fri, 29 May 2020 19:39:03 GMT

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Hi Wayne, while I didn't plan to attend this June, I'm curious if it is still a go and want to wish everyone who does attend a safe and rewarding time.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 29 May 2020 20:12:59 GMT

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Yes, LSAF 2020 is still a go, but it has been postponed until the second or third weekend in October. We are negotiating with the hotel on a date and will announce here as soon as it is

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finalized.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Fri, 29 May 2020 20:45:24 GMT

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Hi Wayne, We might be able to do that. IMO the weather is much nicer in Texas then and the likelihood of hotels and restaurants en route is better. I would not enjoy a 2 1/2 day drive eating out of my car at drive throughs and too many box breakfasts at hotels. No fun.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 29 May 2020 21:38:39 GMT

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Yeah, it should still be pleasantly warm in October in Dallas but not smoldering hot like it is in July.

Hope to see you there!

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Barryso](#) on Mon, 08 Jun 2020 12:35:54 GMT

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Had there been no virus, last night would have been fried chicken night at Babe's.

Alas.

:lol:

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 08 Jun 2020 14:34:49 GMT

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You're so right! And I'd have eaten at Rudy's BBQ a couple times by now too!

But we'll do it in October instead!

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [mightym](#) on Mon, 08 Jun 2020 23:29:27 GMT  
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MMM, Rudy's moist brisket. That stuff was yummy!

Perhaps by then I'll have the blood sugar control down enough to splurge a bit.

Just diagnosed with Type II Diabetes last week.

It's what I get for carrying around a hundred extra pounds for 2 Decades...

John Bower

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Tue, 09 Jun 2020 14:37:56 GMT  
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I live in a bbq prominent town with some fine smoked meats. Texas bbq has it's own unique character, with no sauce. Rudy's is some of the best ribs I've had the pleasure to gnaw on. Man.... the Pavlov dog effect is coming on.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 09 Jun 2020 15:59:45 GMT  
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Any chance you might come to LSAF this year? You're about three hours further than I am, so I know it's a stretch. But man, it's really great.

It's not like other audio shows with all the pretense and hustle and bustle. There's a little of that, but mostly it's just a bunch of buddies that hang out for a weekend every year. They're mostly hobbyists turned niche-companies with an appetite for nice stuff. Everyone brings a sample of their company's tasty treats.

(I guess with all the food analogies you can see that your Pavlovian influence has worked on me. :) And it's getting close to lunchtime.)

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 09 Jun 2020 16:18:08 GMT  
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mightym wrote on Mon, 08 June 2020 18:29MMM, Rudy's moist brisket. That stuff was yummy!

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Soooo yummy!

It's meat candy! And no problem for blood sugar. Win-win!

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Rusty](#) on Tue, 09 Jun 2020 21:18:02 GMT

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Wow. Thanks for the invite. I'll give it some serious consideration. I have a sister in the Austin area. That's how I got the Rudy experience. I could get two good deals out of the effort. Honestly I'm not into trade shows. I've been coerced going to new car and hot rod shows and after an hour I develop cataracts looking at the stuff. Even less tolerance to art galleries. I'll digress a minute, I went to the Chicago Art Institute gallery once. After being glazed over from a melange of stuffy classical art then insipid modern art. I happen to see a display of all things, rocket engines. They were fascinating, and aesthetically rather beautiful. That saved the whole shebang. It'd be interesting to make crude comparisons from my audio gear to what is presented at the show. But as you mention, a hale and hearty commiseration with audiophiles without snooty pedigrees.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 09 Jun 2020 22:03:21 GMT

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You know, I found Rudy's in Austin too. I was commuting from Tulsa to the Austin IBM Research Lab in 2006 and 2007, doing a project for Lucent / Bell Labs. It was a wonderful experience and one of many things I liked about Austin was Rudy's. I liked Austin and the people I worked with so much I considered moving there at that time.

There wasn't a Rudy's in Dallas back then. Furthest north was Waco. So LSAF in the 2000s was pre-Rudy's days. :( But much to my extreme excitement and happiness, they opened one in Dallas in 2015. It's on I-75, just a few miles north of the hotel. I remember first seeing it as we approached the hotel and being elated.

If I didn't enjoy LSAF already so very much, I'd say come just 'cause you'll get a taste of Rudy's. That almost makes it worth the trip. But even better, all the LSAF rooms are just "so chill" to use a millennial's phrase. Or maybe that's a Gen-X phrase, I don't know. But to say it in our language, it's totally groovy cool. 8)

Hope to see you there.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [admin](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2020 18:25:49 GMT  
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The Embassy Suites has set us up with new dates for the show. So we're set!

The Lone Star Audiofest 2020 will be held October 16th, 17th & 18th, 2020.

Mark your calendar and make your reservations!

Exhibitors reservations

Visitors reservations

There's no difference in price between the exhibitors and the visitors. Both get the same great rate. We like to maintain two separate reservations groups so we can prioritize keeping the show rooms grouped together. That's the only difference between the two reservation links.

So if your room will be used to show gear, please make a reservation as an exhibitor. If you are not an exhibitor, please reserve your room as a visitor. And if you get two rooms - one to show and another for a sleeper - please reserve one room on the exhibitors link and another on the visitors link.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [jtwrace](#) on Thu, 27 Aug 2020 16:01:05 GMT  
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This is so tempting despite the odd conditions currently. The thought of holding down the Pi sofa and having some Rudy's at night is so darn appealing.

I presume as of now, masks are mandatory during the show?

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2020 15:20:44 GMT  
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I'm with you on that! I'm ready for Rudy's and hangin' out with all my audio buddies!

I keep in contact with the hotel, and right now a little over half of our normal regular exhibitors have made their reservations. This is actually pretty normal because many of our regulars don't reserve their rooms until right before the show every year. So we are seeing normal behavior in terms of reservations.

But I think probably the difference will be seen this month. I think some of those that usually

reserve late will decide against it and others will cancel. I may be wrong, but that is my suspicion based on reactions from the regular LSAF exhibitors in June.

Some of our folks are concerned mask-wearers, and others are not. Many think the health concerns are over-exaggerated. Pretty much just like everywhere - We have a variety of opinions in our group.

There is a mask mandate in the state of Texas. I'm not sure if it will still be in effect in October or not.

But I know that in Arkansas and Oklahoma, there are also state mandates. They rarely enforce those mandates though, and in many areas, there aren't laws in effect with a mechanism for enforcement. Similarly, many retailers in every state have a policy of requiring masks and social distancing. But they are told not to approach customers that don't wear masks. I haven't asked the hotel how they would act towards our guests, but I suspect it would be the same.

What I definitely don't want to see is our friends turning on one another. But you know how audiophiles are. We're perfectionists and we're opinionated. Many are a little bit controlling. So I fear that we might see lots of arguments and bickering could spoil the show.

All that said, I'm still waiting to see what happens in the next few weeks. Whatever we decide, we'll announce here.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [jtwrace](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2020 15:23:34 GMT  
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Sounds good and I will wait for further announcements. Airfare is beyond cheap - \$100 RT

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [admin](#) on Tue, 15 Sep 2020 18:40:59 GMT  
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Regrettably we have made the decision to cancel LSAF 2020. We have asked the hotel to cancel any reservations associated with this event, but it might be worthwhile to confirm this with the hotel if you have already made reservations.

Many of us have expressed our sad feelings about the need to do this. And to tell the truth, we're not just concerned about the health scare. We're at least as concerned about the ways some people would react to one another. Some would get into disagreements - even some heated arguments - about how to enforce health safety. The mask-wearers and the non-maskers would argue, and then all sorts of other pseudo-political arguments would surface too.

So we're going to cancel LSAF 2020 and put our focus on LSAF 2021. It will be scheduled for June 4th, 5th and 6th.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [jtwrace](#) on Tue, 15 Sep 2020 20:13:22 GMT  
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While this stinks, it's probably best for everyone.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Tue, 15 Sep 2020 20:26:39 GMT  
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The best overall choice. We all need to clear the air. Of covid particularly and Nov.3rd especially.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [mightym](#) on Tue, 15 Sep 2020 21:09:58 GMT  
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In as much as I hate the cancellation, I am wholeheartedly in agreement.

I've heard that getting Audiophiles to agree on anything is something akin to herding cats.

I hope that the promised vaccines arrive sooner rather than later so we can all go back to our normal lives.

John Bower

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Wed, 16 Sep 2020 02:21:36 GMT  
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Hi, Yup. I agree even though I can herd two cats.....no more than that though and only with food. Looking forward to next summer now. Neat stuff on the way.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020  
Posted by [Barryso](#) on Wed, 16 Sep 2020 11:49:49 GMT  
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Cancelling the show is likely the right thing to do. While there might have been some folks at the show arguing over masks the bigger issue is the average age of the attendees. There are some young folk at the show but (as much as I hate to admit it) there are also a lot of us that aren't so young. Add a few other pre existing conditions along with our age and not having the show this year is likely for the best.

Looking forward to June.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [iamjohngalt](#) on Thu, 17 Sep 2020 17:50:43 GMT

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I hate this had to be done, but I can't imagine a good show with "social distancing."

Good decision, imo, and I look forward to June and my first LSAF.

By then I hope to have several products to show.

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Subject: Re: LSAF 2020

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 17 Sep 2020 19:15:56 GMT

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Dude, I love your moniker. 8)

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