



South Milwaukee Market Announces 2011 Summer Music Lineup

Performing Arts Center Concert Series Highlights Schedule

SOUTH MILWAUKEE (May 10, 2011) – The sound of music is coming to the South Milwaukee Downtown Market this summer – every week.

The market has announced its 2011 music lineup, and it includes a five-concert series sponsored by the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center (SMPAC) and other strong local music acts, all performing free of charge to market customers.

The shows kick off on June 2, the opening night of the market, with Choir Fight, known for its fusion of original compositions with instrumental interpretations of rock and pop standards. Like all of the SMPAC concerts, which will be held on the first Thursday of every month, the show starts at 5:30 p.m.

The other confirmed SMPAC shows are:

- **July 7:** Fat Babies. This hard-driving swing group specializes in music from the late 1920s to the early 1930s.
- **August 4:** Glenn Ash & Chris Hanson Swingtet. Featuring singer Rae Cassidy, they start with Django in the '30s and take you up through Elvis and rockabilly.
- **September 1:** Neil Davis Quintet. This group includes original compositions by Neil Davis along with choice hard-bop jazz standards.
- **October 6:** Jali Kunda, Keba Diabate, Yaya Kambaye, and friends. This group shares West African strings, percussion, and storytelling.

In addition to the SMPAC series, the market is planning weekly live music, including appearances by local musicians Ron Plevak, The Twin Tones, Roxie Beane and others.

“This is a great lineup for 2011,” said Market Chairman Bob Pfeiffer. “We want to make the Downtown Market a true destination, and music is a big part of that. We hope lots of people decide to make it an evening out at the market with some shopping, dinner from one of our great food vendors and music by one of our top local artists.”

Said SMPAC Director Chad Piechocki: “We’re really excited about the summer concert series at the market. It’s a great way for us to show our commitment to the community – and expose more people to the great things we’re doing at the PAC all year long.”

Attendees are asked to bring their lawn chairs for all shows.

The market's live music experience will be improved in 2011 thank to two special projects being led by local Eagle Scouts. The upgrades include construction of a new stage by Eagle Scout Tommy Mitchell and an improved grassy seating area with additional picnic tables built by Eagle Scout Scott Wawrzyniak. Donations are accepted, and appreciated, for the stage construction.

The market's 20-week summer schedule runs through Oct. 13. It will again be held on Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and located on 11th Avenue south of Milwaukee Avenue, across from Bucyrus International near the heart of South Milwaukee's city center.

Vendors Discount Still Available

The market has space remaining for additional vendors, and those who sign up in May for the entire 20-week season can do so for \$300. Applications, rules and other information are available at the market website (www.smdowntownmarket.org).

About the South Milwaukee Downtown Market

Area residents looking for a unique shopping experience travel to downtown South Milwaukee, where they find an eclectic mix of merchants selling fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, flowers, art, jewelry and other local goods. They also find a sampling of area restaurants, live entertainment and special events as part of what is a true destination for families, foodies and everyone in between. It's a simple yet ambitious vision – one that the South Milwaukee Downtown Market has achieved ever since it launched in July of 2009. Located on 11th and Milwaukee Avenues near the heart of the South Milwaukee city center, the Downtown Market has quickly grown to become one of the largest in the area with more than 40 regular vendors and hundreds of regular customers. It is operated by a committee of local residents, business owners and city and civic leaders that all have the same goal in mind: find new ways to breathe new life and instill new energy in downtown South Milwaukee.

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