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Lock 3 in Downtown Akron Announces Summer Schedule!

AKRON, OH (May 13, 2013) - The City of Akron's Lock 3 amphitheater opens the 2013 summer season with the first Rock the Lock concert, presented by WONE on May 24th on the Akron General Stage featuring Evil Ways, A Tribute to Carlos Santana. The venue has hosted more than 2 million visitors since its opening in 2003 and this 2013 summer season boasts more than 25 Friday and Saturday night concerts, four festival weekends, 21 community fund-raising events, 11 farmers markets and 15 jazz and gospel events in neighboring Lock 4.

WONE's Friday Night Rock the Lock Concerts

Rock and roll tribute bands have been the signature of Lock 3 on Friday nights during the summer with open-air shouts of 4,000+ fans. This year, the music of Evil Ways, Marrakesh Express, Sharp Dressed Man, Atomic Punks and Satisfaction will join annual favorites like Changes in Latitudes, Bad Medicine, Full Moon Fever, Hollywood Nights, Draw the Line and ZOSO. Concert time on Friday is always 7:00pm with a local opener, followed by the headliner at 8:30. Gates open at 6pm.

New to Lock 3 are Friday Night Cornhole Tournaments. The double elimination rounds occur on June 7th, June 14th, June 21st, July 19th, July 26th, August 2nd and August 9th. Registration starts at 5pm on a first come first serve basis and are limited to 12 teams. Cost is \$20 per team and includes 2 drink tickets for soda or beer and munchies from a downtown restaurant. The first and second place finishers from each week will be invited back to play in the Tournament of Champions on August 16th.

Lock 3 Live! Saturday Concerts

Saturday night concerts start on June 29th with Old School Soul featuring Rose Royce and Brass Construction. This always popular event has a \$10 admission fee, and picnics are welcome. Lock 3 also presents Average White Band on July 27th and Cameo on August 24th, each with a \$10 admission fee. Free Saturday concerts include Hotel California on July 20th, The Prince Experience on August 3rd and The Touch Group on August 10th.

Akron Area's Best Bands Compete for Cash

Lock 3 will once again give away \$5,000 cash to the top 8 local Northeast Ohio bands that perform at Lock 3 this summer. The contest is presented by Cayman Jack Margaritas and Mikes Hard Lemonade.

The City of Akron's Rib, White and Blue Festival July 3rd – 6th

Lock 3 expands its gates to South Main Street for Northeast Ohio's largest 4th of July rib festival, as 10 rib vendors from Ohio, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, South Carolina and New Jersey compete for cash prizes and bragging rights. For 39 years Akron has celebrated Independence Day with food, fireworks, and music featuring the annual Akron Symphony Orchestra Pops Concert and Fireworks Finale on July 4th. Other concerts during the festival include Bruce in the USA, The World's #1 Tribute to Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band on July 3rd, Elevation, The International U-2 Tribute Show on July 5th, and The Machine Performs Pink Floyd on July 6th. For a complete list of entertainment, festival times and vendors visit www.akronribfestival.org

The 66th Annual Italian-American Festival July 12th - 14th

The three-day festival opens for lunch on Friday and continues through Sunday night. 1964, The Tribute will be on stage Friday, with La Flavour, Michael Sonata and Gene Fiocca performing through the weekend. Dozens of vendors of authentic Italian food will be on hand through the three-day event on South Main Street. For a complete list of events visit www.it-am.org

8th Annual National Hamburger Festival August 17th – 18th

Burger-masters from around the Midwest will turn out with tongs in hand to flip burgers for the 8th Annual National Hamburger Festival in downtown Akron. The event opens Saturday, August 18th to the music of Separate Ways - The Band, The Ultimate Tribute to the Music of Journey, and continues Sunday, August 18th with music from Low Country. For a complete list of contests, entertainment and vendors visit www.hamburgerfestival.com

Global Village Festival September 14th

Bring the whole family to celebrate food, music and culture from around the world at the annual Global Village Festival of Akron. Relish the avenue of ethnic food and cooking demonstrations and stroll thru the open market place. Explore interactive cultural, religious, and holistic health exhibits. Watch or become part of our live cultural entertainment of authentic ethnic music, dance and other performances. Grab a free "Passport" and visit the Kids Nation to create cultural crafts, experience games & other fun activities. Celebrate Summit County's rich heritage of and growing ethnic communities. For a complete list of events visit www.akrongvf.org

Community Events Abound at Lock 3

Since 2003, over \$1 million has been raised for the charities which have used Lock 3 as a home base for fundraisers. Over 25 community events have been scheduled so far for Lock 3 in 2013. The next event features area police departments who will compete with their trained dogs in the "K-9 Challenge" May 18.

Lock 4's Lock Bottom Blues & Jazz Club July 10th – September 5th

For the fourth year, the city will host free concerts on Wednesdays at the Lock Bottom Blues & Jazz Club, featuring local artists performing in the Peroni Beer Garden at Lock 4 on Bowery Street. Concerts are from 7pm-9pm. This year's lineup includes:

July 10: Wanda Hunt
July 17: The Steelheaders
July 24: The Dan Wilson Group
July 31: Rooster Jones
August 7: Red Light Roxy
August 14: Vernon Jones Blues Cartell
August 21: Esto Jazz
August 28: Blue Lunch
September 4: Jan Marie and D.O.C.
September 5: Blue Lunch

New at Lock 4 are Gospel Sundays:

July 28: St. John CME Inspirational Choir
August 4: Exalting Him Choir
August 11: Henry Dunn's Road to Glory on the Road
August 18: Carla Davis featuring Ken McCorvey and Friends
August 25: The House of the Lord Choir
September 1: Mount Calvary Baptist Church Choir

Lock 3 Farmers Market

The Market at Lock 3 began in 2008 and is a unique outdoor producers-only market managed by Downtown Akron Partnership. It will be held every Friday, July 19th - September 27th at 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Downtown workers and visitors can enjoy fresh and local produce, specialty food items, fresh baked goods, and home-crafted gifts. The city operates a free trolley on South Main Street Fridays during the same hours.

Sponsors and Foundation Underwriting Keep Concerts Free and Low Price

Lock 3 thanks our sponsors: John S. And James L. Knight Foundation, Akron General, the University of Akron, Miller Light, Cayman Jack Margaritas, Mike's Hard Lemonade, Downtown Akron Partnership Hitchcock-Fleming, Miller's Rentals and G. Stephens, Inc.

Complete concert and event information will be posted as it becomes available at www.lock3live.com. For hi-res photos or to schedule interviews, contact Maria Nagel, Lock 3 Marketing Director, at maria_nagel1@yahoo.com or 330.441.2493.

A complete schedule of all Lock 3 and Lock 4 events is listed on the following pages.

LOCK 3 2013 CONCERT AND FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

- May 24 Evil Ways, A Tribute to Carlos Santana w/ The Juke Hounds
May 31 Marrakesh Express, A Tribute to Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young w/ The JiMiller Band
- June 7 Bad Medicine, The Bon Jovi Tribute Show w/ Stage Pass Live
June 14 Thunderbox The All Girl Tribute to the Best of Metal w/ Mouth Wired Shut
June 21 Changes in Latitudes, A Tribute to Jimmy Buffet w/ Mo Mojo
June 28 Sharp Dressed Men, The ZZ Top Tribute w/ Monica Robbins and The Whiskey Kings
June 29 Old School Soul with Rose Royce and Brass Construction
- July 3-6 RIB WHITE & BLUE FESTIVAL
July 3 Bruce in the USA, The Tribute to Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band w/ The Twistoffs
July 4 Akron Symphony Orchestra with Fireworks Finale at 9:50 P.M.
July 5 Elevation, The International U-2 Tribute Show w/ The Jim Gill Band
July 6 The Machine, A Tribute to Pink Floyd w/ The Joe Vitale Jr. Band
- July 12-14 ITALIAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL
July 12 1964 The Tribute w/ Aftermath
July 13 Michael Sonata Tribute to Old Blue Eyes w/ LaFlavour
- July 19 Simply Queen A Live Tribute w/ The Kerosene Band
July 20 Hotel California Tribute to the Eagles w/ Cats on Holiday
July 26 Atomic Punks, A Tribute to Early Van Halen w/ Colin Dussault's Blues Projects
July 27 Average White Band w/ Horns and Things
August 2 Full Moon Fever, A Tribute to Tom Petty w/ Magnatones
August 3 The Prince Experience w/ Charita Franks and The Forever Band
August 9 Hollywood Nights, A Tribute to Bob Seeger w/ Victory Highway
August 10 The Touch Group, The Old School and Motown Sound Explosion w/ Best Kept Secret
August 16 Draw the Line, The Endorsed Aerosmith Tribute w/ Bassel and The Supernaturals
- August 17-18 HAMBURGER FESTIVAL
August 17 Separate Ways the Band, The Ultimate Tribute to the Music of Journey w/ Zach and The Bright Lights
August 18 (1:00) Grady/Miller (3:00) The Low Country (both on Main Street)
- August 23 Satisfaction, The International Rolling Stones Tribute Show w/ Electric Mud
August 24 Cameo w/ Rumpelstiltskin
August 30 ZOSO w/ Class A Bandits
- September 14 GLOBAL VILLAGE FESTIVAL

LOCK 3 COMMUNITY EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 11 Kick up your Heels 5k
May 11 All American Baseball Parade
May 18 City of Akron K-9 Challenge
May 19 Girls on the Run 5K
May 27 Peacemakers - Peacewalk
June 15 Akron Walks for Autism
June 22 Power of One – Pee Wee Football Rally
June 29 Walk for Wishes
June 30 Bike Spree Kick-Off
July 19 Leadership Akron 5k
July 21 African American Festival featuring ZAPP
July 22 Soap Box Derby Welcome Parade (Street Closed)
July 25 ACBC Fire Department Cruise-In 5:30-8:30
July 27 Blues and Brews
July 30 Summit County Sheriff Dogs & Suds
August 1 Peacemakers Teen Expo
August 24 UMDF Walk
September 12 Police Chaplaincy Dogs & Suds
September 15 Mobile Meals European Car Show
September 21 Sickle Cell Walk
September 22 ALS Walk
September 28 Kids Fun Run/Akron Marathon
October 5 Day of Serving
October 19 Crohns and Colitis

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