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Dubuque... and All That Jazz! 2017

**Dubuque's Premier FREE Summer Concert Series Promises
Music, Bags, and Family Friendly Fun Under The Town Clock!**

Dubuque, IA— Dubuque Main Street and the Dubuque Jaycees invite you to celebrate the beloved **free** summer concert series, *Dubuque... and All That Jazz!*, on opening night: June 16, 2017, under the Town Clock. The June edition of this free event will feature a summer festival favorite... Rock N' Roll Rewind! After community feedback, engagement with a more diverse scope of Jazz was challenged to Jazz! Reaching out to a community engaged local band to start Jazz! off was our first step to bring new life to the term Jazz! Rewind became as a celebration of "rock" bands of the 1960s to the early 70s. Encompassing the very reason Jazz music was created, we are proud to bring a diverse group to the main stage.

June's *Dubuque... and All That Jazz!* will also feature a bean bag tournament starting at 3 p.m.. Jaycees will start serving beverages at 3:30 p.m., and will feature a special appearance by the Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School Band at 4 p.m., before Rock N' Roll Rewind takes the stage at 5 p.m. All *Jazz!* concerts are held under the Town Clock on Friday evenings, from 3-9 p.m. Food and beverages begin at 5 p.m.

Twenty-five years ago, on July 24, 1992, *Jazz!* debuted its first concert under the Town Clock. Downtown employees gathered to mingle after work, have a few beverages, and enjoy the then pedestrian mall in our city center. Little did they know that in twenty-five years later, *Jazz!* is still here, and better than ever! Our *Jazz!* Planning Committee, made up of volunteers, sponsor representatives, and Jaycees members, invites you to MEET US AT JAZZ! Everyone is invited to come down and visit with co-workers, family, and old & new friends alike at the first *Jazz!* of the summer.

June's *Dubuque... and All That Jazz!* is brought to you by generous cash sponsorships from Prudential Financial, TRICOR Insurance, and US Bank.

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Award winning graphic designer Michael Schmalz, Jr. of Refinery Design Company creates new custom artwork every year for Jazz!, and 2017 is no exception. Schmalz's designs run the gamut of colors, art styles, and impressions. Limited-edition prints of these artistic designs are prized by local Jazz! aficionados.



Jazz! also means the chance to connect with fellow Dubuquers over delicious dinner options from local food vendors, in addition to ice-cold beer and Pepsi products served by the Dubuque Jaycees. This year's selection of food vendors includes: American Bombshell, Town Clock Inn, 1st and Main, Watershed, Mi Ranchito, Freddie's Popcorn, Adobos, Chocolate Hog, Catfish Charlie's, and Chocolaterie Stam.

For more information on the *Dubuque... and All That Jazz!* summer concert series, visit www.downtowndubuque.org or contact Dubuque Main Street at 563-588-4400. Invite your friends, co-workers, and family down to enjoy the very first Jazz! of the season! Who will you meet at Jazz!?

Mark Your Calendars for the entire *Dubuque...and All That Jazz!* Summer 2016 Line Up:

July 21 – 10 of Soul

Sponsored by: American Trust & Savings Bank and the Diamond Jo Casino

This high-energy 10(ish)-piece band brings to the stage a dynamic range of classic tunes from the soul, funk, and blues genres, as well as a few funky arrangements of their own! Featuring FIVE versatile vocalists, a tight rhythm section, and a four-piece horn section, this band has made it their sole (or SOUL) mission to entertain audiences to the fullest.

August 18 – The Blue Olives with a Soul Sherpa Opener

Sponsored by: Cottingham & Butler, Dubuque Bank & Trust

The Blue Olives is an energetic Madison-based featuring over 400 songs in their repertoire and 4 albums. With influences stemming from BB King, ZZ Top, Miles Davis, and Frank Zappa, The Blue Olives are sure to be a fantastic show!

September 2 – The Final Mix with a George Washington Middle School Opener

Sponsored by: Fidelity Bank, Riley Subaru, and Envision Tees

The final Jazz! of the summer presents a new mix to our series! The Final Mix serves up the latest in R&B, Jazz Fusion, Blues, Hip Hop, Rock & Roll and original material. They have entertained the sophisticated crowds to rocking the houses and casinos. Del "Saxman" Jones, the founder of The Final Mix, even received the honor of being inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in Iowa!

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