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Dear Media Provider,

*Thank you in advance for your coverage of our upcoming thirteenth annual **Sunset Jazz and Arts Festival** in Grand Rapids. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me. The Grand Rapids Arts Council greatly appreciates your support!*

THE SUNSET JAZZ & ART FESTIVAL

The Thirteenth Annual Sunset Jazz & Art Fest will be held August 20, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. until dusk in Grand Rapids, Ohio. The Grand Rapids Arts Council is pleased to announce the continuing support of **Georgeann Kohn's Optical Shop** as **The Presenting Sponsor** for the eighth consecutive year. This spring, GRAC was awarded a grant from the **Cultural Arts Fund of Wood County, Inc.**, specifically for the Jazz Fest. And the event would not take place without the local support from many Grand Rapids businesses, resident jazz lovers, and the Grand Rapids Historical Society. With the help of all the sponsors, this event is still FREE!

This regional festival is held on the towpath behind the merchants on Front Street, nestled between the canal and the Maumee River in the village. The canal and the river provide a gorgeous setting for attendees to enjoy the best



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jazz musicians that Northwest Ohio has to offer. Suzanne Carroll, former host of The Jazz Brunch radio show Sundays on 101.5 "The River", will be the emcee once again for the day. In addition, the Grand Rapids Boy Scouts will sell hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches and other food items, as well as water and soft drinks. The Arts Council will sell beer and wine. All downtown businesses will also be open during the festival. It is a true community event!

Performers lined up for the 2017 **Sunset Jazz & Art Festival** are: 2:30 – 3:30 pm, Big Band BG; 3:45 – 4:45 pm, Elle Martin; 5:00 – 6:00 pm, Bob Rex; 6:15 – 7:15, Sixth Edition featuring Kim Beuhler, Lori LeFevre and Lisa Young; and 7:30 – close, headliner Evelyn Wright. A professional vocalist for over 30-plus years, Evelyn has been entertaining like no other in the styles of jazz, R&B, and pop. She was awarded the Jazz Legend Award from Tri-C Community College in 2008. Awards include Best Female Vocalist in 1985 in conjunction with public broadcasting station WCPN. Evelyn has toured throughout the U.S. and Canada performing in the top nightclubs and concert halls.

Regional juried artists will also be on hand displaying and selling fine art.

For additional festival information, please contact **The Sunset Jazz & Art Festival** Musical Director, Tim Tiderman at 419-283-7648. For additional comment on the presenting sponsorship, contact Georgeann Kohn at The Optical Shop, 419-536-6520. For artist information, call 419-832-5664. Google odotdistrict2, Current Construction Projects, regarding possible Grand Rapids bridge closing (Route 295).

Please join us in this beautiful setting for a lovely day of enjoyable jazz, art, food, and drink. Please leave your coolers at home, but you are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets!