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*Dear Media Provider,*

*Thank you in advance for your coverage of our upcoming fourteenth 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 **Fourteenth Annual Sunset Jazz & Art Fest** will be held August 19, 2018, 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 ninth consecutive year. And the event would not take place without the local support from many Grand Rapids businesses, resident jazz lovers, and the Village of Grand Rapids. With the help of all the sponsors, this event is still FREE! Many hundreds of visitors from the region have enjoyed this exciting day in the past, and it has become a premiere event in the area.

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 jazz musicians that Northwest Ohio has to offer. Suzanne Carroll, former host of



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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 be open during the festival. It is a true community event!

Performers lined up for the 2017 **Sunset Jazz & Art Festival** are:

2:30 – 3:15	Toledo School for the Arts <b>Glass City Steel</b>
3:30 – 4:30	Tim Tiderman and Organized
4:45 – 5:45	Ben Maloney
6:00 – 7:00	6 <sup>th</sup> Edition featuring Kim Beuhler, Lori LeFevre and Lisa Young
7:15 – 8:15	<b>Headliner: The Gene Parker Quintet</b>

Gene Parker is the musical director, composer, arranger, pianist, and multi-instrumentalist with the Toledo Jazz Orchestra. He has performed as guest artist with the Toledo and Detroit Symphony Orchestras and performed with stars like J.C. Heard, John Trudell, Dizzy Gillespie and Lou Rawls. Parker is currently teaching Jazz Studies at Ohio Northern and Wayne State Universities.

Regional juried artists will also be on hand displaying and selling fine art and hand-crafted items including pottery, books from local authors, and jewelry.

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.



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