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Omaha Riverfront Jazz and Blues Festival Returns to the Riverfront on July 7

“The Premier Jazz and Blues Festival in the Midwest”

It’s difficult to imagine summer without the Omaha Riverfront Jazz and Blues Festival. This year’s festival is poised to serve up another exciting mixture of jazz and blues.

The sixth annual Jazz and Blues Festival is one of the most anticipated events of the summer. This is the premier jazz and blues event in the Midwest and is packed with live musical performances featuring some of the most celebrated local and national jazz and blues musicians.

The festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 7 with performances held outdoors at the Lewis and Clark Landing at the Downtown Riverfront (right next to Rick’s Boatyard Café). Performances begin at 3:45 p.m. and last until 11:00 p.m. Gates open at 2:00 p.m.

This year’s top-notch performers include **WAR**, **Summer Storm** featuring Grammy award winning jazz guitarist **Norman Brown**, Grammy nominee **John Lee Hooker, Jr.**, Grammy nominee and keyboard artist **Jeff Lorber** and saxophonist **Marion Meadows**. The soulful sounds of these musicians will permeate the air as you kick back and relax with family and friends while enjoying the lazy days of summer, food, drink and beautiful views of the Omaha skyline.

Midwest Airlines is giving away **2round trip tickets** on Saturday, July 7. The first 500 attendees will have their name placed in a drawing and will have the exciting

opportunity to be the winner of **2 FREE round trip tickets courtesy of Midwest Airlines!**

Tickets for the Omaha Riverfront Jazz and Blues Festival may be purchased online at www.ticketomaha.org, by phone at (402) 345-0606. Tickets can also be purchased at the **Ticket Omaha Office** located in Holland Performing Arts Center. Additional tickets are being sold at **Homer's Music & Gifts**: 530 N Saddle Creek Rd, 561-1111, 11114 Howard St, 346-0264 and 2457 132nd St, 334-8844; **Leflore's New Look Fashions**, 1806 N 24th St - Phone - 933-7800; **Leola's Records**, 5625 Ames Ave - Phone - 453-8678; **Chaussures' Footwear**, Westroads Mall – Phone - 397-1781 and **Homer's Music & Gifts**: 530 N Saddle Creek Rd, 561-1111 - 11114 Howard St, 346-0264 - 2457 132nd St, 334-8844.

Daily tickets purchased in advance are \$20 and \$25 at the gate. Advance tickets are subject to service charges at the various outlets. VIP tables/tickets call (402) 884-1214.

Lead sponsors include Douglas County Visitor Improvement Fund, NRG Radio (Power 106.9), US Bank, OPPD and Midwest Airlines, Cox, BET Jazz and Famous Dave's.

Other sponsoring partners: Union Pacific, Centris Federal Credit Union, No Frills Supermarket, Quality Brands of Omaha, Old Mill Toyota, Michelob Ultra, Cruzan Rum, Greater Omaha Chamber of Omaha, First National Bank, and Pepsi and many more.

Special hotel packages are available for those attending the Omaha Riverfront Jazz and Blues Festival. For more information, contact Audrey Hulseley at Convention Meeting Services – info@CMSOmaha.com or call 888.339.1142/402.393.1142.

Complete festival information can be obtained through www.omahajazzandblues.com or by calling 402.884.1214.

The festival is produced by the Midland's Cultural and Historical Association. Come on down and join us on the river for a day filled with the best jazz and blues music you will hear on this side of the Missouri River. Complete festival information can be obtained at www.omahajazzandblues.com or by calling (402) 884.1214. Don't miss the premier jazz and blues event in the Midwest!