

PRESS RELEASE

The kick-off entertainment for 2011 Washboard Music Festival is none other than the legendary Arnett Howard.

LOGAN, OH – The hills of Hocking County will surely come to life as the annual Washboard Music Festival kicks off with another great year of entertainment beginning Thursday, June 16 with none other than the legendary Arnett Howard. Arnett is known around Central Ohio for his special brand of Jazz, Creole, and Blues music and no matter what he plays, he brings out the crowds. Arnett and his band will appear for a “one night only” performance on the Main Stage to kick off this year’s festivities. This is one show you won’t want to miss and believe it or not, but you can see Arnett for FREE!

This year’s festival is going to be great! There is a huge variety of musical entertainment which includes Dixieland, Blues, Swing, Hot Jazz, Jugband, Bluegrass, Funky Creole, Old-Time Country, Ragtime and even Celtic. Some of this year’s performers include Skedaddle, who will be appearing for the first time at the festival. The group from North Carolina will be entertaining on the Main stage Friday and Saturday.

Another group of fine entertainers is the Farnum Family from Southwest Missouri. This family of eight has delighted audiences everywhere with their blend of bluegrass, gospel and old time western music. Rant Maggie Rant returns for their second year from Ontario, Canada performing their style of Celtic music. Other groups performing include: Buffalo Ridge Jazz Band; Sister Jean & Kenan; Michael & Rebecca; Kaye Wade; Bill Bailey; and the delightful sounds of Ellen and Priscilla known in the Columbus area as Delightful Sounds.

In addition to toe-tappin’, washboard strummin’ music, the festival will feature arts and crafts from many of the area’s Appalachian artisans; a beautiful quilt show featuring quilts from Brown County, Ohio; a Civil War era exhibit; delicious, mouth-watering food; tours of the Columbus Washboard Company; antique tractors and hit ‘n miss engines; a parade on Saturday night; and so much more.

And, as in past years, there will be FREE rides for the kids and entertainment by the world famous puppeteer Grandpa Cratchet. This is truly one festival you won’t want to miss. Mark this one on your calendar for June 16, 17 and 18 and bring the whole family out for a great weekend of fun and entertainment in the beautiful Hocking Hills. For more information on the festival visit the website www.washboardmusicfestival.com.