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Washboard Music Festival, Logan, Ohio**

10th ANNUAL WASHBOARD MUSIC FESTIVAL FEATURES INTERNATIONAL TALENT

The 10th anniversary of The Washboard Music Festival kicks off with a special concert and live auction on Thursday, June 17, followed by two full days of music entertainment, arts & crafts, great food, free kids entertainment and much more. Thursday night's concert will feature Central Ohio's music legend Arnet Howard and his band beginning at 6:00pm. Ottie Opperman, assisted by Arnet, will auction approximately 25 items donated by local businesses and individuals. The auction will take place during intermission at about 7:00pm. Vendors will open at 5:00pm.



Rant Maggie Rant

On Friday and Saturday there will be non-stop music on the Main Stage from 12:00pm until 11:00pm. This year's lineup will include the return of the traditional Dixieland Jazz performers Buffalo Ridge Jazz Band from Cincinnati. Led by banjo artist and vocalist Bob Adam, Buffalo Ridge is the only band that has played at the Festival every year since the beginning. They are more than great entertainment...they are family.

Also returning will be Robyn Lacy & Dezydeco. This crowd pleasing, electrifying group plays a unique combination of Louisiana style Cajun music, blues, rock 'n' roll and classic country with showmanship and energy that brings the audience to their feet, clapping and dancing throughout their performance.

Back for the second time, after a one year absence, are Ramblin' Riversiders all the way from Preston, England. This six-piece "skiffle" band has performed for 54 years under the leadership of Harold Dearden. "We play traditional American music and have used a washboard as a rhythm instrument since our band was formed in 1956," said Dearden. In addition to playing various styles of American music including folk, country, blues, gospel and boogie, the band will perform original songs celebrating the washboard and Logan, Ohio.

Traveling from Ontario, Canada and performing for the first time is Rant Maggie Rant. This five member group plays a style and brand of Celtic Entertainment that is both new and old. Described as Celtic with an attitude this group is sure to please with their showmanship and delivery combined with their diversity of traditional sound coupled with upbeat and unexpected blends of Appalachian Swing, jigs, Latin percussion and slow ballads.

Other performers at this year's Festival will include Sadie Green Sales Jug Band, with their extraordinary vaudeville style playing Classic Rags and Traditional Jazz along with crazy versions of authentic Jug Band Music. Also performing are Sister Jean & Kenan playing ragtime at its best, and Michael and Rebecca with her world famous heavy weight washboard Cosmo. And, as always, professional washboard players Peter Babcock, Kaye Wade, Mike Johnson and Bill Bailey will be returning to the Festival, as well as many amateurs who join the gang playing together on stage as the Washboard Players.

In addition to the Main Stage several of the musicians will be playing at the two street venues, located at the East and West ends of the Main Street boundaries of the Festival. You can also tour the Columbus Washboard Company; enjoy the beauty and craftsmanship of the Dogwood Quilters of Pike

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County while listening to the soothing sounds of dulcimer players from the lawn of the Bowen House; and explore the Seasons of Vintage Clothing at the Hocking County Historical Society. Saturday's parade down main street will include a costume contest for participating GOBA cyclists visiting Logan for their annual bicycle adventure that will tour Southeast Ohio.

All of this entertainment is free...there is no admission charge for any performance or exhibit. AND, for all of the little ones in the family, all rides and entertainment in our Children's Park located at Spring and 2nd are FREE, FREE, FREE.

Bring the whole family and enjoy the 10th Annual Washboard Music Festival.

The Ohio Arts Council helps fund The Washboard Music Festival with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.