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ARNETT HOWARD TO KICKOFF WASHBOARD MUSIC FESTIVAL



Central Ohio's music legend, Arnett Howard, will open this year's Washboard Music Festival with a BANG. He will perform on the Main Stage in the streets of Downtown Logan, Ohio beginning at 6:00pm, Thursday, June 17.

Arnett Howard & Friends are slated to perform two shows that evening, as well as assisting with the Washboard Music Festival fundraising auction during the intermission. The free concert is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., at the main stage location with the festivities continuing until 10 p.m.

Howard has performed over 5,000 concerts since 1985, to a variety of audiences in Central Ohio and worldwide. No matter what the event, Arnett Howard has the band and the repertoire to make it sizzle by turning up the heat with New Orleans style jazz and street parade music. He also performs Motown, Memphis and New Orleans Blues, with a splash of reggae thrown, and Creole, Cajun and Zydeco dance music. In addition the versatile musician performs classic river boat songs, conducts sing-alongs and enjoys playing contemporary pop and jazz standards as well.

Arnett is also well known for his work with children in Central Ohio's school districts. "It is my legacy to inspire children to play instruments early in their lives," is a direct quote from his website www.creolefunk.com. He is well known for his work as an active community servant and official ambassador of Columbus.

"We are thrilled to have Arnett and his band kick off this year's event," said Dennis Heebink, President of the Washboard Music Festival. "This is our 10th year anniversary and I can't think of a better performer to help us celebrate."

"Come to Logan, in the beautiful Hocking Hills, to see Arnett and Friends Thursday evening and stay for a great weekend of festivities. You can check out all of the activities on our website www.washboardmusicfestival.com," continued Heebink.

The Washboard Music Festival continues through Thursday and Friday of Father's Day weekend and will include headliners Robin Lacy and DeZydeco; Rant Maggie Rant, a Celtic group from Ontario, Canada; Ramblin' Riversiders, a Skiffle band from England; Buffalo Ridge Jazz Band, Dixieland at its best; and Sadie Green Sales Jugband, as well as the many Washboard Players that come from all over the US to participate in Ohio's Most Unique Music Festival.

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