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Downtown Summer Nights Concerts to Feature a Wide Variety of Music

The City of Yakima, Townsquare Media, and Legends Casino have joined forces to create *Downtown Summer Nights*, a new Thursday evening concert series that will feature a diverse mix of musical styles ranging from blues to rock, salsa to country.

Sponsored by Legends Casino and produced by the City and Townsquare, the free and family-friendly *Downtown Summer Nights* series will kick off its 11 show run on **June 13th** with Nashville-based ***Too Slim and the Taildragers***, a blues/rock group that has built an international following since it was founded in Spokane in 1986. ***Brewers Grade*** will bring its brand of Northwest country music to the *Downtown Summer Nights* stage on **June 20th**. Indie rock group ***The Village Musicians***, made up of three brothers and a best friend, will headline the show on **June 27th**.

After taking a break for the July 4th holiday, *Downtown Summer Nights* will return on **July 11th** with ***Fino***, a Tri-Cities band whose rich repertoire includes salsa, funk, Tejano, country, classic rock, and contemporary. With its unique blend of rock and folk, Yakima and Northwest favorite ***Not Amy*** will be the featured act on **July 18th** and will be followed on **July 25th** by up-and-coming country singer **Kate Turner**.

August will start with ***3rd Date***, a true Rock 'n' Roll band from the Tri-Cities area, taking the *Downtown Summer Nights* stage on **August 1st**. Country group ***Chase*** will be next up on **August 8th**. The unique sounds of Australian-born ***Blake Noble***, a percussive guitarist who also plays the didgeridoo, will be on display during the **August 15th** show. While producers are still working to fill the August 22nd slot, they have lined up Seattle-based ***Eclectic Approach***, which has appeared on *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* and is currently on a U.S. tour, to close out the series on **August 29th**.

Downtown Summer Nights events will start at 5:30 pm and will take place on 4th Street behind the Capitol Theatre.

“In addition to the great music, there will also be craft vendors, kids activities, food booths run by local restaurants, and a beer and wine garden,” said Yakima Economic Development Manager Sean Hawkins. “It’s going to be a lot of fun. There will be something for everyone,” said Hawkins. “*Downtown Summer Nights* is one more piece of the puzzle that we’re putting in place to grow Downtown Yakima’s reputation as an arts and entertainment destination.”

The *Downtown Summer Nights* website – www.downtownsummernights.com – includes a complete list of musical performers, information about how vendors can sign up for booth space, and other news about the series. Economic Development Manager Sean Hawkins can also be contacted by phone (575-6274) or by e-mail (sean.hawkins@yakimawa.gov) by anyone wanting to learn more about the *Downtown Summer Nights* concert series.

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