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Downtown Summer Nights Series Returns for a Sixth Year

The *Downtown Summer Nights Concert Series* returns to Historic North Front Street this Thursday, June 14th.

"With local food and art vendors featured, and a kids' area, this is a family-friendly event that serves as a perfect way to celebrate the home stretch of the work week," said City of Yakima Economic Development Manager Sean Hawkins.

The 2018 series will kick-off Thursday, June 14th, with the return of fan favorite Blake Noble Band.

This year's 10-show series will include no fewer than 20 musical acts during its run from mid-June through late-August. Each show in the series will focus on specific genres. Each Thursday concert will run from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Motorists are advised the free series will require the closure of North Front Street between Staff Sgt. Pendleton Way and Yakima Avenue

Since its successful debut in 2013, Yakima's *Downtown Summer Nights* concert series has become an integral part of Yakima's summer music scene. Each Thursday, come dance and enjoy a glass of your favorite craft beverage in the heart of downtown on Historic North Front Street. The event is free and open to all ages. This year's 10-show series will run from June 14th through August 16th.

Each week features two bands and a bustling YCH Hops Beer Garden pouring your Yakima Valley craft favorites and outfitted with Memorial Foundation misting tents for those especially hot evenings.

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.

This is a free event that is open to the community and is produced by the Downtown Association of Yakima (DAY), in conjunction with Chinook Fest. DAY is a private, nonprofit organization committed to the preservation, development, marketing and promotion of Downtown Yakima.