



City of Yakima

News Release

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Downtown Summer Nights Series Returns for a Third Year

The *Downtown Summer Nights Concert Series* has grown in each of its first two years. After a successful debut in 2013, the series added more performers to its lineup for the 2014 season. This year's 10-show series will include no less than 30 musical acts during its run from mid-June through late-August. Each show in the series will focus on specific genres.

Sponsored by Stewart Subaru and produced by the City of Yakima, Townsquare Media, and Chinook Entertainment, the free and family-friendly *Downtown Summer Nights* series will run every Thursday night from June 18th through August 20th on 4th Street behind the Capitol Theatre. All shows will begin at 5:00 pm and last until about 9:00 pm. Kids activities provided by Yakima Maker Space will take place in Yakima Community Health Kids Area and free face painting will be provided by Face Art Magic.

The 2015 series will get underway with a Blues Rock show on the West Valley Fitness Stage **June 18th** featuring nationally-known **McTuff**, Seattle-based **Cracker Factory**, and Yakima favorite **Nikki J**. The **June 25th** show focus on Rock and Indie music and will feature **Van Eps**, an eclectic band from Seattle, **The Banner Days**, a collaboration between Bradford Loomis and Beth Whitney, and **Indigo Kidd**, a Yakima group who just released it EP entitled *Battle at the Fish Café*.

On **July 2nd**, Country performers **Brewer's Grade** (Oregon), **Robbie Waldon** (Spokane), and **Kate Turner** (Tri-Cities) will be featured. The **July 10th** will bring Soul and Blues music to Downtown Yakima with New England-based **Jason Spooner**, the **Campbell Davis Band** from Walla Walla, and Yakima signer/songwriter **Chase Craig**. Seattle trio **Ayron Jones & The Way** will head up the **July 16th** Blues Rock show and will be joined by the up and coming **Daniel Kirkpatrick & The Bayonettes** and Seattle Weekly's 2014 Best Street Performer in the Northwest+ **Whitney Monge**. The *Downtown Summer Nights* show on **July 23rd** will mix Indie Folk Rock and Country music with performances by Seattle's **Nick Foster Band**, Yakima's own **The Common Deer**, and the multi-talented **Courtney Biggs** from Spokane. The month will be closed out with an Americana show featuring the internationally-acclaimed **Ian McFeron**, Leavenworth's **The Hoyer Brothers**, and Northwest singer/songwriter **Emily Otteson** on **July 30th**.

The Funk sounds of **Down North** (Seattle), **Skyler Mehal** (Seattle/Ellensburg), and **Eden Moody** (Wenatchee) will fill 4th Street on **August 6th**. Pop Country performers **Aaron Crawford** (Seattle), **The Olson Brothers Band** (Olympia), and **Afton Prater** (Sequim) will be featured on **August 13th**. The series will end its 2015 run with World Music and Bluegrass show featuring instrumentalist **Blake Noble**, Ellensburg's **Uphill Both Ways**, and Yakima's own **These Guitars Say Sorry** on **August 20th**.

Food vendors and a beer and wine garden will also be part of the *Downtown Summer Nights* events.

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.