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**Fifth Annual “Concerts on the Corner” Music Series
in Downtown Mechanicsburg**

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. –The fifth annual “Concerts on the Corner” music series is set to kick off June 5, featuring free performances by local and regional musicians every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the corner of Market and Main Streets in downtown Mechanicsburg.

Concerts on the Corner is the weekly music series that takes place during the months of June, July, August and September. The series features musicians, singers and songwriters performing original and popular music to bring family, friends and neighbors together for a toe-tapping good time.

The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Mechanicsburg sponsor the fifth annual Concerts on the Corner music series. The Foot Traffic Committee, a group of downtown Mechanicsburg merchants, organizes the music series.

Bring your kids, bring your friends, bring a lawn chair, and be sure to bring yourself to the Mechanicsburg’s square at Market and Main Streets. Even during those summer thunderstorms, musicians will still be singin’ in the rain at the rain location: Gallerie 13, 13 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg.

2008 Concerts on the Corner Schedule of Performances

June 5 – High Tops

June 12 – We3

June 19 – Jubilee Day! (musicians will be performing throughout the day)

June 26 – Singer Band

July 3 – Andrew Bellanca

July 10 – Harrisburg Harp Orchestra

July 17 – High Tops

July 24 – Jonathan Frazier

July 31 – Jazz Me

August 7 – Tin Kettle

August 14 – Hemlock Hollow

August 21 – Jamie O'Brien

August 28 – The Ridgeway Brass

September 4 – Central Jazz Service

September 11 – Jonathan Frazier
September 18 Kevin Neidig
September 25 – Harp Rock Cafe

For more information about the Concerts on the Corner music series, call the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce (717-796-0811), Jeffrey Van Boskirk at the 2nd Floor Gallery (717-697-0502), or visit the Web site at www.MechanicsburgChamber.org.

The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce represents the business interests of Mechanicsburg and promotes commercial and community interests of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania and its environs.

Main Street Mechanicsburg's mission is to revitalize downtown Mechanicsburg to be a magnet of opportunity for culture and innovation; to bring together diverse interests to create a unified vision of a vibrant town-center; to enhance our quality-of-life by preserving and promoting our heritage and unique sense of place.

Note: Performer Backgrounders Below

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Concerts on the Corner Backgrounders in Alphabetical Order

Concerts on the Corner highlights musicians, singers, and songwriters every Thursday during June, July, August, and September from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the corner of Main and Market Streets in Mechanicsburg. The music series takes place rain or shine. In case of rain, the Concerts relocate to Gallerie 13, 13 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg.

The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Mechanicsburg sponsor the annual Concerts on the Corner music series. The Foot Traffic Committee, a group of downtown Mechanicsburg merchants, assists with the music series.

Andrew Bellanca

Andrew Bellanca and his friends treat audiences to a mix of Jazz, Brazilian, Latin and Blues music. Every evening with Andrew Bellanca is a new experience with new musicians joining him to entertain audiences with their sophisticated jazz creations.

Central Jazz Service

For a taste of true jazz flavor, Central Jazz Service specializes in classic jazz in a variety of styles, including swing, modern, Latin/bossa, and blues. Since 2004 this group of jazz enthusiasts have been sharing their love of jazz with audiences around the midstate.

Jonathan Frazier

After studying at Harrisburg Art's Magnet School, Maryland Institute College of Art, and Kutztown University, Frazier is known throughout the Harrisburg region for his talents with oils.

Not only an artist, Frazier is also a performing musician featured at many locales in the surrounding Harrisburg Area.

Harp Rock Café

Harp Rock Café adds a surprisingly delightful twist to the best of classic rock. Complete with Louis Lynch on the pedal harp, John Varner on guitar, and David Armstrong on percussion, the Harp Rock Café provides listening pleasures to all your favorites.

Harrisburg Harp Orchestra

Join renown harpist Louis Lynch and friends for an evening of classic and popular music performed by the largest group of harpists in the central Pennsylvania area.

Hemlock Hollow

Roger Wilkinson established Hemlock Hollow over three years ago. The band consists of Don Judy, lead guitar and vocals, Mike Miller, bass and vocals, Chris Wilkinson, mandolin, and Roger Wilkinson, lead vocals and guitar. Hemlock Hollow's music ranges from their own interpretations of sixties rock such as the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Grateful Dead, as well as traditional folk, blue grass, and classic country music. Don Judy and Roger Wilkinson have been playing together since they first met in college during the sixties. Hemlock Hollow plays for parties, bars, restaurants, outside venues, and coffee houses. One of their most memorable performances took place last summer at Mount Gretna for a porch concert series. Roger Wilkinson would love to collaborate with many artists, including Bob Dylan, Alison Krauss, Richard Thompson, and Peter Rowan.

High Tops

Let the High Tops take you on a musical journey that spans the 1950s, '60s, '70s and '80s with traditional "rock 'n' roll" music. With the belief that good swinging dance tunes never go out of style, this trio of "30 somethings" will bring out the jitterbug in everyone.

Jamie O'Brien

Since he was 13-years-old, O'Brien has performed in 10 bands. In addition to accompanied work, O'Brien recently has opted for solo performance with a accompaniment by John Winship, Henry Koretzky, Bruce Young, or Ryck Kaiser. Not a stranger to music, O'Brien has dabbled in numerous genres including rock, folk, country, jazz, and classical, and also performing music from various countries from Ireland, England, America, France, Italy, and Germany. O'Brien specializes in guitar, although he is also talented on the piano, mandolin, banjo, hammered dulcimer, as well as the harmonica and whistle.

Jazz Me

The trio of Mitch Graeff, Doug Brenner, and Kirk Wise combines vocals, harmonicas, guitar, and upright bass to produce a variety of jazz and blues sounds. Jazz Me performs throughout central Pennsylvania at numerous restaurants, private events, and elegant affairs.

Kevin Neidig

Mechanicsburg native son Kevin Neidig has been described as a singer-songwriter and maestro of guitar, banjo, mandolin, influenced by Darrell Scott, Tim O'Brien, Sam Bush, Bela Fleck and

Tony Rice. After studying under Grammy-nominated Sound Master Jonathan Goldman, Kevin has discovered a whole new way of working with music and sound, to the point where he is working with sound in a healing capacity. An award winning musician and vocalist, Kevin is the owner of the Neidig Guitar Studio, established 15 years ago in Mechanicsburg, where he teaches guitar and mandolin to a roster of talented and inspiring students.

The Ridgeway Brass

Since 1999 this band of four guys and a gal have been entertaining crowds with the beauty and variety of brass instrumentals. Two trumpets, a French horn, trombone, and tuba create a symphony of selections – from Broadway to classical to Dixieland to jazz and marches, this quintet will have people engaged and toe-tapping.

Singer Band

Dating back to mid-1800s, the Singer Band is comprised of talented musicians who enjoy performing great music. The Singer Band offers any musician the opportunity to play their instrument, as well as join their unique band family. Performing mainly in the West Shore Area, the band plays a variety of music for local listeners including: marches, show tunes, concert numbers, vocals, and specialty numbers.

Tin Kettle

Tin Kettle specialize in traditional and contemporary Irish music. This trio includes Sharon Sacks, Matthew Ward and John Winship. Their music is influenced by Irish tradition, folk-based contemporary songwriters, and American southern mountain music.

We3

This trio of entertainers from central Pennsylvania, We3 presents musical styles from roots, folk, country, blues, along with 1950s, '60s and '70s favorites. We3 – music in the people's key.

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