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PRESS RELEASE

Mayor Mitchell Announces 2023 Summer Sound Series

Free Concerts Every Other Friday Alternating Between Lower Union and Purchase Streets

New Bedford, Massachusetts – The Summer Sound Series presented by Mayor Jon Mitchell returns June 9 through September 15, offering a free concert every other Friday. Alternating between lower Union Street and Purchase Street, these block party events feature high-energy danceable varieties of musical genres and participation from local restaurants and organizations.

“We are looking forward to offering another summer of free high-quality entertainment for residents and visitors,” said Mayor Jon Mitchell. “Nothing brings people together like live music outdoors, and our Summer Sound Series has been going strong for ten summers. I encourage everyone to enjoy the opportunity this summer.”

Downtown New Bedford is home to destination attractions such as the New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, New Bedford Art Museum, and the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center.

“Once again, the City is excited to host the Summer Sound Series in our historic downtown area and provide the residents an opportunity to enjoy an evening of wonderful local entertainment,” said City Council President Linda Morad. “I am certain

that this year's concert series will be well-attended and provide a great economic boost to our downtown business district. 'Love where you Live - New Bedford.'"

The Summer Sound Series will be in the heart of it all, with streets blocked off for the Friday concerts from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Concertgoers can purchase a beverage from participating establishments and experience great live music in a fun, festive atmosphere.

This summer's lineup features an eclectic mix of artists.

"Last year's concert series was such a hit among residents and visitors alike. We're thrilled to be able to bring this free community event back this year thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, including our lead sponsor, WPRI-12," said Ashley Payne, the City's Director of Tourism and Marketing. "This year we're bringing even more to the party with live art, giveaways, and more."

Here's the schedule:

PURCHASE STREET (between Union and William streets):

June 23: Entrain

July 21: The Funky White Honkies

August 18: JAMMIN': A Tribute to Bob Marley

September 15: East Coast Soul

UNION STREET (between N. Water St. and Route 18):

June 9: Diane Blue All-Star Band with Ricky Russell

July 7: Neal McCarthy Problem

August 4: Mo Bounce

September 1: Kabu Jazz Ensemble ft. Candida Rose

Lead Sponsor: WPRI-12

Confirmed Sponsorship: Moby Dick Brewing Co., Vibra Hospital, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Vineyard Wind

Participating Restaurants:

PURCHASE STREET: DNB Burgers, the Pour Farm Tavern, the Vault Music Hal & Pub, No Problemo

UNION STREET: PLAY Arcade, Rose Alley Ale House, Moby Dick Brewing Co., Union Flats Seafood, Whaler's Tavern, Cultivator Shoals

All concerts are weather permitting. Learn more at: destinationnewbedford.org

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