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OMAHA SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL'S WORLD MUSIC PAVILION SHOWCASES WIDE RANGE OF STYLES AND GENRES AND FEATURES LOS DE ABAJO

The World Music Pavilion offers music to satisfy all tastes during the Omaha Summer Arts Festival. A highlight of the 35th Annual Festival will be the performance of Los de Abajo, a renowned 12-piece ensemble from Mexico City, who will take the stage on Saturday evening.

The 2009 World Music Pavilion will feature:

Friday June 26

12:00 Noon

Omaha Musicians' Association Jazz All-Stars

Trumpet player and vocalist Mike Gurciullo will kick off the Festival with a showcase of popular jazz standards. Gurciullo recently returned to Omaha from Las Vegas where he was the lead trumpet player for the Wayne Newton Band. He has also performed with the Glenn Miller Orchestra and the Lon Bronson Big Band. Backing up Gurciullo will be Dan Cerveny on keyboards, Mark Luebbe on bass and Joey Gulizia on drums.

5:00 p.m.

Chris Saub Trio

Noted as Omaha's number one artist and best-unsigned artist in Omaha, Chris Saub and his trio will not disappoint. With their acoustic sound of pop and jazz, the trio pushes the envelope of musicality and still remains true to the pop genre.

7:00 p.m.

Eric Lindell

Full of righteous grooves, punchy guitar fueled R&B rave-ups, heartfelt ballads and funky second-line rhythms, Lindell also throws some honky-tonk spice into his performances as well.

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9:00 p.m.

Trombone Shorty

A funk/pop/hip-hop mix brings the heat—winding audiences up in merry confusion. Jazz fans shake their heads in unexpected delight while the funksters shake what they got with glee.

Saturday, June 27

12:30 p.m.

Street Railway Company Jazz Band

The Street Railway Company Dixieland Band has played as a group since 1985 and includes 7-pieces (cornet, trombone, clarinet, piano, drums, tuba, and banjo). They play traditional New Orleans Dixieland jazz and have twice traveled to Europe to perform in Poland, the Czech Republic, and Spain, including live radio performances in Prague and Valencia. The band plays from memory and by improvisation and has performed at many public and private events.

2:00 p.m.

Nebraska Craft Brewers Association “Meet the Brewers” Event

3:30 p.m.

Chris McCarty

This Gainesville, Florida, native brings soul to the genre of acoustic-rock and does so with flair. McCarty has wowed live audiences and television audiences alike through his already impressive career. McCarty has shared the stage with such artists as Blues Traveler, The Wailers, G Love and Special Sauce, Average White Band, James Brown and the Dave Matthews Band.

5:00 p.m.

Prairie Cats

This Omaha native eight-piece band delivers an all-original "pop-swing" mix of jump-blues, big band, rockabilly, Latin and bop, delivered in an all-out rock attack.

7:00 p.m.

Los de Abajo

This Mexico City-based group mixes mestizo rock with other influences from salsa to reggae and Mexican styles. A clash between global music styles, the 12-piece band creates a stirring, south-of-the-border brassy mariachi introduction and then switches to a sudden Ska beat.

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Lider Terán, the group's founder 17 years ago, is the main vocalist and one of the primary songwriters. Together, the group has toured 26 countries, exploring musical influences in each one to create an ever-changing contemporary fusion of global music styles with their Mexican roots. They call their style "tropipunk" and never fail to deliver an exhilarating performance.

9:00 p.m.

Lubriphonic

Chicago's Lubriphonic greases your ears and moves your hips with its simmering and intense mix of soul, funk and R&B. Lubriphonic's live performances create a spicy dish that is guaranteed to cure what ails you.

Sunday, June 28

12:30 p.m.

Inspirations European Duo

This musical duo features two accomplished professional musicians from Europe. Anna Yuz-Mosenkis plays the piano/keyboard and Lev Shekhtman plays the accordion. Together, as Inspirations European Duo, they perform a unique fusion of melodies from Europe, North and South America.

2:00 p.m.

Luigi Inc.

With the smooth sounds of Luigi on the marimba, Luigi Inc. plays a mixture of jazz with a little of everything else thrown in.

3:30 p.m.

Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band

The world's premier zydeco showman, Chubby and the Swamp Band bring their Cajun-style music complete with accordion and washboard for a toe-tapping great time. There ain't no party like a Chubby party!

For more information about the Omaha Summer Arts Festival presented by First National Bank, please visit www.SummerArts.org.

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