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**2014 CENTURLINK WORLD MUSIC PAVILION SHOWCASES
14 FREE PERFORMANCES AT OMAHA SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL**

Headliners Include MarchFourth Marching Band, Sister and Brother of Soul and Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience

(OMAHA, NEB.) May 28, 2014 - The Omaha Summer Arts Festival's CenturyLink World Music Pavilion will bring blues, jazz and Latin sounds to downtown Omaha as the Luigi Waites Main Stage showcases three days of free concerts by 14 different musical acts, offering something for every musical taste.

Friday, June 6

Noon

Omaha Musicians Association Jazz All-Stars

The Omaha Musician's Association Jazz All-Stars will open the Festival with a lunchtime selection of contemporary and classic jazz featuring saxophonist Matt Wallace, along with Joey Gulizia on drums, Mark Luebbe on bass and Dan Cerveny on keys.

5:00 p.m.

Southpaw Bluegrass Band

The Southpaw Bluegrass Band (SpBB) was established and created by David Fleming and Steve Hoiberg of Omaha in 2003. They relied on their love and tradition of bluegrass music to create a sound that resonates back to the days when bluegrass was not only a popular style of music, but a way of life. SpBB prides itself on bringing together some of the most talented bluegrass players in the Omaha and Lincoln area.

7:00 p.m.

Josh Hoyer and The Shadowboxers

Based in Lincoln, The Shadowboxers, headed by Joshua Hoyer, features a group of professional and seasoned roots musicians that are all part of the funk, soul and blues youth movement. The band's unique sound and passion comes from their deep respect, knowledge of and passion for blues, Americana, soul, funk and many other styles of music.

9:00 p.m.

MarchFourth Marching Band

MarchFourth Marching Band calls itself *"a kaleidoscope of musical and visual energy that inspires dancing in an atmosphere of celebration."* The electrifying performance of this 23-piece band made its debut at the 2013 OSAF and will return to kick-off the celebration of the Festival's 40th anniversary this year. Aside from their marching band-themed costumes and the four-block parade that will precede their OSAF performance, MarchFourth is far from a traditional marching band. The group is anchored by funky electric bass and offers a guitar- and vocal-driven musical experience. To kick off the 40th anniversary in style, MarchFourth will parade through the Festival at 6:30 p.m. and then will perform later in the evening on the Luigi Waites Main Stage.

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Saturday, June 7

11:00 a.m.

Crossfire

Crossfire is Omaha's premier country dance band, playing current Nashville hits and old country favorites, as well as classic rock and original music. Their intense vocals, tight three-part harmony and precise instrumental arrangements engage their audiences, motivating people to dance and sing along.

12:30 p.m.

Brad Colerick

Billboard called Nebraska native Brad Colerick "one of a baker's dozen of acts to watch in the folk community around the world." His CDs have been in the top five on the Folk DJ and Euro-Americana charts, and he has worked with Johnny Cash, BB King and Shawn Colvin.

2:00 p.m.

Electroliners

Hailing from Omaha, The Electroliners play their own brand of old-style, honky-tonk that is deep fried and smothered in gravy and heartache. The band has quickly risen to be one of the favorites on Omaha's Americana scene. The Electroliners have been twice nominated for Omaha Entertainment and Arts Awards (OEAAAs).

3:30 p.m.

Steve Raybine

Steve Raybine is a nationally known virtuoso vibraphonist who has earned a reputation for his exciting live performances and melodically appealing and rhythmically compelling original contemporary jazz compositions. Labeling Raybine as a jazz-only artist would be a huge mistake. He is equally talented at Funk, R&B, Pop and Latin sounds.

5:00 p.m.

Marc & Tori Band

Headed by guitar sensation Marcos Mora and lead vocalist Tori Huerta, this extraordinary group from South Omaha hums with the raw energy of Latin and rock rhythms and has been branded as 'the new-age Santana'. With blistering lead guitar and gritty, soulful vocals, the band has influences of Stevie Ray Vaughan, Los Lonely Boys, Aerosmith, Mana' and Alicia Keys and captures pure showmanship through classic rock, blues, American oldies and more.

7:00 p.m.

Euforquestra

Euforquestra (pronounced yoo-FOHR-keh-struh, think euphoria+orchestra) is energy and rhythm personified. An ever-evolving sound that has been influenced by music from all over the world with an emphasis on funk, pocket and groove. For over a decade the band has been igniting dance floors across the country, blending the roots of funk, soul, Afrobeat, reggae and dub to create a sound that "explodes, dances and melts in your ear with sheer bliss."

9:00 p.m.

Sister and Brother of Soul

Sister and Brother of Soul features Omaha natives Carol Rogers and Ron E. Beck. Rogers' career is an eclectic display of genres, styles and cultures that has included world tours, television appearances in numerous countries, and recording experiences with the world's greatest musicians, including touring the world with Brazilian superstar Sergio Mendes for 25 years. Her brother, Ron E. Beck has the depth of a blues singer, the energy of a soul singer, and the contemporary sound of today which makes him modern.

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Sunday, June 8

11:30 a.m.

Mariachi Zacatecas

These talented Mariachi are excited to be performing and making traditional Mexican music together. Many of the members have extensive musical experience and have been performing in the Midwest/Omaha area for many years. Not only will you hear the traditional Rancheras, Sones, and Huapangos, but don't be surprised to hear a fusion of music with modern day songs. With their thrilling performances and dynamic melodies, these men are ready to leave their mark on Omaha's growing musical scene.

1:30 p.m.

Luigi Inc

Luigi Inc is a five-piece jazz combo based in Omaha and founded by the late jazz legend, Luigi Waites. Luigi Inc (short for 'including', not 'incorporated') returns to the Omaha Summer Arts Festival once again to serve up a mixture of jazz standards and original tunes. The current members of Luigi Inc include saxophonist Curt McKean, guitarist Jeff Scheffler, bassist Steve Gomez, drummer Steve Knight and bandleader / trumpeter Doyle Tipler. Though Luigi died in 2010, the music continues on, just as the late jazz icon would have it.

3:00 p.m.

Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience

For nearly 30 years, Grammy Award-winning artist Terrance Simien, an eighth generation Louisiana Creole, has been shattering the myths about what his indigenous Zydeco roots music is and is not. Leading his Zydeco Experience band, Simien has become one of the most respected and accomplished artists in American roots music today.

Simien takes his audiences on a multicultural tour of the world, as the many countries he's visited while on tour have informed his musical language. He creates a hypnotic blend of New Orleans funk-reggae-flavored-world-blues-American zydeco roots music that beckons you to your feet and into the groove. He has found a seamless and artful way to deliver his eclectic music as a relevant, evolving artist who is clearly rooted in Creole tradition.

About Omaha Summer Arts Festival

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OSAF has attracted more than three million visitors to Downtown Omaha, and more than \$15 million in artwork has been sold at the Festival since its inception. Most recently, OSAF was ranked No. 34 in Fine Art and No. 40 in Fine Craft among the ELITE 100 Fine Arts Fairs and ELITE 100 Fine Craft Fairs by www.ArtFairSourceBook.com, a comprehensive online guide to the top-selling art fairs and craft shows in the U.S., and was included in the 'Top 20 Can't-Miss Summer Festivals of 2014' by www.Smithsonian.com.

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