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## **Local Entertainers to Take the Stage at Taste of Fond du Lac presented by Horicon Bank**

(2/14/11)- Taste of Fond du Lac presented by Horicon Bank is quickly approaching, and guests will once again be treated to the sounds of local school groups during the afternoon. Come out to the newly renovated and expanded Fond du Lac County Expo building on Sunday, February 27 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and enjoy the sounds, sample amazing cuisine from more than 25 area restaurants and bid on the silent auction, featuring more than 100 packages.

Kicking off the afternoon of entertainment will be the Fond du Lac High School Jazz Ensemble 2, performing from 11 to 11:45 a.m. This ensemble is directed by Dale Shipe, and is open to all Fondy Band students that are looking to learn about performing America's Art Form. They will start the afternoon off by playing a variety of Jazz tunes.

Next up will be the North Fond du Lac High School Jazz Band, directed by Gerry Scudella. Just last month this Jazz Band represented the North Fond du Lac School District at the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Convention in Milwaukee just last month. During the event this year they will be delighting Taste goers with songs including; "Moon River", "Down For the Double" and "Don't Stop Believin'".

Following the North Fond du Lac High School Jazz Band will be the Fond du Lac

High School Jazz Ensemble 1, also directed by Dale Shipe, from 1-1:45 p.m. This award winning ensemble has won the UW-Green Bay Jazz Festival three times in the past four years. They play all styles of music from Big Band to the contemporary sounds of today's jazz. Some of the songs they will be performing at the event include; "La Fiesta", "God Bless the Children" and "This Masquerade".

The Lomira High School Jazz Ensemble will play from 2-2:45 p.m., and is directed by Rodd Eggert. This ensemble has performed at many venues including the UW-Eau Claire Jazz Festival and the Mall of America. Guests will be treated to songs including "Jazz Police", "Afro Blue" and "Blue Bones".

Next up will be the Winnebago Lutheran Academy Kids performing from 3-3:45 p.m. The Academy Kids, directed by Dale Witte, are a 16 member show choir and perform both for audiences at WLA in three choral concerts each year, and also for church, school and community organizations around Fond du Lac and the neighboring counties. At Horicon Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac the group will be performing selections from the Disney movie "Newsies", as well as "Livin' on a Prayer" and "Hey Mambo".

Closing out the event will be Manos Rapidas, the Sabish Middle School drumming ensemble. The group, directed by Jay Thomas, will perform from 4-4:45 p.m. and will treat the guests to the sounds of rhythmic ensembles from West and South Africa, the Caribbean and the Middle East. "Fanga", "Macrou" and "Bobobo" are just a few of the songs they will be performing at the event.

The current Miss Fond du Lac, Cari Wiesen, will also be at the event to meet and greet the guests. Horicon Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac is a great opportunity for guests

to try out a new restaurant or check out their old favorites and everything in between. The event takes place Sunday, February 27 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the newly renovated and expanded Fond du Lac County Expo Building. Advance tickets are \$1.50 each at the Fond du Lac and Ripon Horicon Bank locations, Wegner's Office Supply, and the Fond du Lac Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Tickets at the door are \$2.00 and children five and younger are free. Food and drink tickets are just \$.50 each. For more information, check out [fdlfest.com](http://fdlfest.com).

Horicon Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac is brought to you by Horicon Bank the natural choice, Stella Artois, Pepsi Americas, WFRV CBS 5, The Reporter, Hopper's Silk Screening and All-Star Trophy, News-Talk AM 1450 KFIZ, Specht Electric and Communications, Festival Foods and Charter Communications.

Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 with a mission to direct, promote, and support festivals and special events that showcase the Fond du Lac community. The organization, with a great deal of help and support from the community, is responsible for Walleye Weekend, Light Up the City, and Horicon Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac. These events benefit almost 200 local non-profit organizations.

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