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Local Entertainers to perform at Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac

(2/15/08)-Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac is just around the corner, and with more than 25 area restaurants making their way to the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Expo Building, there is sure to be something for everyone there. Food won't be the only attraction on Sunday, Feb. 24; local entertainment groups from the area will be at the event from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to delight Taste-goers with their sounds.

This year, Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac will kick off the list of entertainers with Fond du Lac High School Jazz Ensemble 1, which will perform from 11:00 until 11:45. This Jazz ensemble recently won the award for "Outstanding Jazz Combo" at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay's 38th Annual Jazz Festival. Dale Shipe will direct the Jazz band as they play a variety of songs for taste-goers including "Blue Rondo al Turk", "Count Bubba" and "Wonderland".

Don't miss the sounds of The Kids From Lakeshore from 12:00 to 12:45. Under the direction of Kari Adamson, this group will be entertaining Taste-goers with a variety of songs, including "You Raise Me Up", "Jump to the Rhythm", "My Favorite Things" and "Let's Sing America!".

Immediately following The Kids From Lakeshore will be WLA Academy Kids from 1:00 to 1:45. Director Dale Witte will be bringing his 16-student group, which will be singing and dancing for Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac guests.

Performing from 2:00 to 2:45 will be the Winnebago Lutheran Academy Handbells. This unique and talented group, under the direction of Pam Zuberbier, will be bringing both secular and sacred music including a medley of Phantom of the Opera tunes. The group has played annually at the Easter and Christmas Concerts at the Academy, and some of the group members will even be attending the Wisconsin Synod Handbell Festival in April.

The North Fond du Lac High School Jazz Band, directed by Gerry Scudella, will get your toes tapping from 3:00 to 3:45 with their performance. The group will be playing several different songs including "A Blues Brothers Revue", "Hip To Be Square" by Huey

Lewis, “Moondance” by Van Morrison and many more. If you can’t get enough of this group’s compositions, they will also be performing at the annual Jazz Band Chili Supper at the end of April.

Get a sneak peak at an upcoming Walleye Weekend event at 4:00 p.m. The participants for the second annual Walleye Weekend’s Dancin’ with the Starz competition will be announced to taste-goers after North Fond du Lac High School Jazz Band’s performance.

Shut Up & Dance Studio, directed by Julie Wilson, will be entertaining taste-goers with numbers from two of it’s groups from 4:00 to 4:45. The first group will be showing off their moves in a performance to the song “Hey Big Spender”. Don’t miss the next group, which will be performing to “Bye Bye Blackbird”.

To close out the afternoon of entertainment, Fond du Lac High School Jazz Ensemble 2 will be performing. Also directed by Dale Shipe, this ensemble will be bringing sounds including “Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square”, “C Jam Blues” and many others. Don’t miss out on all these great acts, plus much more at this year’s Hometown Bank’s Taste of Fond du Lac on Sunday, Feb. 24 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come and enjoy great food, fun and music, plus a great silent auction all in one place.

Hometown Bank’s Taste of Fond du Lac is sponsored by Hometown Bank, Charter Communications, Hopper’s Silk Screening and All Star Trophy, 312 Urban Wheat Ale, Pepsi Americas, WFRV CBS 5, News-Talk 1450 KFIZ, K107.1 FM, and the Reporter.

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 Hometown Bank’s Taste of Fond du Lac. These events benefit more than 100 local non-profit organizations. More information is available at www.fdlfest.com.

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