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Kindred Communications to host weekly downtown Huntington concert series “9th Street Live”

The theme of “Yes Chevrolet/Yes Ford 9th Street Live” will be local.

HUNTINGTON – Locally-owned and operated restaurants and bars, locally-owned and operated media, locally-owned and operated sponsors as well as local government and local musicians are all coming together to present the brand new “9th Street Live,” Huntington’s premier weekly downtown concert series.

Hosted by Kindred Communications, “9th Street Live” will jumpstart the summer on Friday, May 21, at 7 p.m. with John R. Miller and Abby Hamilton. The series will take place every Friday through Labor Day Weekend on 9th Street in Huntington in between 3rd and 4th avenues.

John R. Miller is one of three artists scheduled to appear at “9th Street Live” who has performed on the prestigious Mountain Stage. The others are West Virginia’s own William Matheny, who will play Friday July 9, and Huntington’s own Ona, who will headline Friday August 13.

Reeves Kirtner, vice president associate general manager of Kindred Communications, said the idea behind the concert series was building on what the City of Huntington started last summer by closing part of 9th Street for outside dining for restaurants and bars during the peak of the pandemic.

“I enjoyed the outside dining myself on 9th Street last summer and fall several times and chatted with Jeff McKay at Summit Beer Station, Allison White at Sip Downtown Brasserie and Marisa Milum and Steve Vance at Marshall Hall of Fame Café and asked ‘what could we do to take this to the next level?’ and the overall consensus was starting a concert series,” Kirtner said.

Kirtner said the next step was working with Mayor Steve Williams and the City of Huntington, the Cabell-Huntington Health Department and all of the businesses on 9th Street to make sure the event could safely occur while adhering to operating guidelines.

“It has been so amazing to see local business, local and state government and local media all come together and work to make a great event for the City of Huntington,” Kirtner said.

Other acts scheduled include Of the Dell on May 28, Brad Goodall June 4, Santa Cruz June 11, One Foot June 18, Joslyn & the Sweet Compression on July 2, The Settlement July 16, Jake Dunn & the Blackbirds July 23, Big Planet July 30, The MFB August 6, Oakwood Road Band August 20, Madhouse on August 27 and Huntington Music and Arts Festival Night featuring the Buffalo Wabs on September 3.

“Our region has such a great music scene, and I’m very excited to help showcase these artists,” Kirtner said. “It’s also very refreshing to see live music returning to Huntington.”

Kindred Communications will also host various charity and civic groups weekly at the concert series to fundraise and raise awareness for their causes.

Kirtner added this event could not take place without great, community-minded sponsors.

In addition to Yes Ford and Yes Chevrolet, 9th Street Live will be presented by Mountain State Beverage’s Bold Rock, Founders All Day Vacay, Rancho La Gloria and Stone Buenaveza. Sponsors of the concert series include The Herald-Dispatch, Little Caesars, Summit Beer Station, Sip Downtown Brasserie and the Marshall Hall of Fame Café.

No coolers or outside food and drink will be allowed at “9th Street Live,” and due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing will be strongly encouraged.

Kindred Communications is made up of six radio stations and nine signals including WDGG 93.7 the Dawg, WCMI 92.7 & 98.5 the Planet, WMGA 97.9 the River, WXBW Big Buck Country 101.5, WRVC 94.1 FM & AM 930 and Cat Sports 93.3 FM & AM 1340 and Kindred Digital.

9th Street Live Schedule – Schedule Subject to Change

Friday, May 21, 2021 - John R. Miller with Abby Hamilton

Friday, May 28, 2021 - Of the Dell with Cutler Station

Friday, June 4, 2021 - Brad Goodall with Shelem

Friday, June 11, 2021 – Santa Cruz

Friday, June 18, 2021 – One Foot

Friday, June 25, 2021 - **TBD**

Friday, July 2, 2021 - Joslyn & The Sweet Compression

Friday, July 9, 2021 - William Matheny with Darrin Hacquard
Friday, July 16, 2021 - The Settlement
Friday, July 23, 2021 - Jake Dunn & the Blackbirds with Cole Chaney
Friday, July 30, 2021 – Big Planet
Friday, August 6, 2021 - The MFB
Friday, August 13, 2021 - Ona with Corduroy Brown
Friday, August 20, 2021 – Oakwood Road Band
Friday, August 27, 2021 - Madhouse
Friday, September 3, 2021 - Huntington Music and Arts Fest Night featuring the Buffalo Wabs
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