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**MATTIE KELLY ARTS FOUNDATION'S CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY
WITH AN ALL NEW CONCERTS IN THE VILLAGE MUSIC SHOWCASE**

Nine local and regional music acts to perform on Thursdays, May 7-July 2

DESTIN, FLORIDA — (March 23, 2015) Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation presents the 20th Annual Concerts in the Village music concert series Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. (May 7 through July 2) at the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village in Destin, Fla.

The come-as-you-are music showcase staged in the heart of the Destin's Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village has become a popular summertime tradition for Northwest Florida locals and visitors.

Altogether, the area's first music concert festival will showcases nine local and regional singer/songwriters, musicians and tribute bands performing a range of live music from rock and roll to rhythm and blues and from Motown to your favorite oldies. The season schedule opens on May 7, Mingo Fishtrap from Austin (pop meets Memphis soul); May 14, Déjà Vu

(rhythm and blues); May 21, Shades of Blue (jazzy blues); May 28, The Mulligans ('60s and '70s dance music); June 4, Pieces of Eight (brassy soul meets beachy R&B); June 11, The Maxx (a blend of oldies with pop tunes); June 18, Mr. Big & the Rhythm Sisters (Motown and jazz); June 25, Tyn Tymes (the Southern dance band). And as has been tradition for many years, singer/entertainer David Seering returns to close out the summer concert series on July 2 with an evening of music celebrating some of American's famous artists and composers to patriotic songs.

“For 20 years the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation has lifted heart and kicked up heels for thousands of families and friends who gather under the stars for one form of art that is surely universal — music! If you haven't been to the Concerts in the Village or haven't been in a while, please join us to celebrate two decades of live music, food and fun,” said Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation CEO Marcia Hull. “This year is surely going to be the best yet.”

Bring a chair, blanket and picnic or purchase dinner onsite featuring various local restaurants and food trucks serving up delicious dinner menu options. Bring your own beverages or purchase water, soft drinks, beer and wine at the event.

Twenty years ago the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF) began an earnest mission to bring art programs, cultural events, art education and lively entertainment to the sleepy beach town of Destin, Florida. Fast forward from 1995 to 2015, and the milestone 20th anniversary of the organization founded on the cultural, educational and spiritual beliefs of Destin matriarch, Mattie Kelly. The anniversary year provides an

opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions of the organization, while presenting vision for the future.

In recognition of the 20th anniversary, MKAF will introduce a new event: Bluegrass at the Beach, presented by ResortQuest by Wyndham Vacations. Friday, Sept. 11 is an invitation only concert event and Saturday, Sept. 12, is a full-day Bluegrass music concert in the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village, featuring the award-winning and chart-topping band, Blue Highway. Tickets for Bluegrass at the Beach will be available online beginning May 1.

Other signature events will include the 20th Annual Concerts in the Village, 7th Annual Labor Day Weekend Concert (Sept. 6) featuring the soul stirring sounds of the Heather Hayes Experience in a tribute to Ms. Hayes' late father, Isaac Hayes; the 20th Annual Festival of the Arts (Oct. 24-25) and the 20th Annual Sound of the Season (Dec. 4).

Admission to each of the spring/summer Concerts in the Village is \$10 per person; children under 12 and MKAF members are free. A few remaining VIP event tables are available. Proceeds benefit MKAF's cultural and education mission.

MKAF honors our men and women in uniform with a Military Appreciation Night on May 28. Admission to The Mulligans concert for those in armed services with valid military ID will be \$5 (a 50 percent discount).

For more information on how you can become a member of MKAF, gain benefits as an event sponsor, provide a donation or explore opportunities to get involved on a committee of the Board of Directors, call (850) 650-2226 or visit www.mattiekellyartsfoundation.org.

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ABOUT MATTIE KELLY ARTS FOUNDATION

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF), a 501-c-3 not-for-profit charitable arts organization, was founded in 1995 on the cultural, educational and spiritual beliefs of the late Destin Matriarch, Mattie Kelly. The champion of cultural arts and education in Northwest Florida, MKAF's vision is to impact lives through art and culture.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Click [here](#) for images of Concert in the Village entertainers, MKAF promotional poster art and MKAF logos.

CALENDAR LISTINGS

Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.

MKAF 20th Annual Concerts in the Village Summer Concert Series

Mingo Fishtrap brings its melodic pop-meets-gritty-Memphis-soul sound, with a twist of New Orleans funk.

Dugas Pavilion in the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village, 4323 Commons Drive West in Destin.

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Thursday, May 14, 7 p.m.

MKAF 20th Annual Concerts in the Village Summer Concert Series

Déjà Vu fills the evening with R&B and dance music from the '70s to the '90s.

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Thursday, May 21

MKAF 20th Annual Concerts in the Village Summer Concert Series

Shades of Blue perform a smooth blend of jazz/blues along with their signature pop songs and selections from the '70s.

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Thursday, May 28

MKAF 20th Annual Concerts in the Village Summer Concert Series

Local favorite, **The Mulligans**, entertain with the sounds of the '60s and dance music from the '70s.

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Thursday, June 4

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Pieces of Eight delivers an evening of brassy soul and beachy R&B.

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Thursday, June 11

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With energetic choreography and an eclectic sound, **The Maxx** entertains with classic oldies from yesterday and today's pop tunes.

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Thursday, June 18

MKAF 20th Annual Concerts in the Village Summer Concert Series
Party band **Mr. Big & the Rhythm Sisters** heat up summer with sizzling
Motown and jazz.

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Thursday, June 25

MKAF 20th Annual Concerts in the Village Summer Concert Series
Dance the night away under the stars with **Tyn Tymes**, the South's favorite
dance band.

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Thursday, July 2

MKAF 20th Annual Concerts in the Village Summer Concert Series
Popular local singer/pianist/entertainer, **David Seering**, presents "An
American Celebration," to close out the MKAF Concerts in the Village
series.

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