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ArtsFest2014

The Smokin' Polecats, Tosin Musik Set For ArtsFest2014

RIVERDALE PARK, MD., March 20, 2014 – For most of the last 41 years, Dave Sherman has been belting out the Blues and loving it. These days he's the lead singer for *The Smokin' Polecats*, a foursome known throughout the Washington area for their post-WWII sound of Chicago masters such as Jimmy Rogers, Little Walter and Hubert Sumlin. The group also can capture the West Coast Jump/Swing sound of Tiny Grimes, Pee Wee Crayton, and T-Bone Walker along with the soulful Rock'a'Billy sound of Carl Perkins and Johnny Burnette. Sherman and his 'Cats will bring it all to Riverdale Park May 4 when the Riverdale Park Arts Council holds its seventh annual ArtsFest2014 in Town Center at the MARC train station.

The 'Cats made their debut at ArtsFest last year and this year add WAMMIE Award winning artist and Riverdale Park resident Marianna Previti to lineup. Previti, voted best traditional jazz vocalist in 1999, 2001 and 2002 by the Washington Area Music Association, was trained as a classical trumpet player but it is her sense of phrasing, sound quality and interpretation of song that makes her among the finest singers around.

"The Smokin' Polecats play the blues in all styles and for all tastes," said Bill Wax of XM Satellite Radio. Silkcity Records' Andy Allu described *The Smokin' Polecats* as "jumping shuffles, wailing harp, and stinging guitar set against a backdrop of Blues that ranges from West Coast Swing, Louisiana Swamp, and everything in between." Says one longtime fan, "trust me, you won't be disappointed."

Drummer and Nigerian native-turned Hyattsville resident Tosin Aribisala will take the ArtsFest2014 stage as *Tosin Musik*, offering a blend of African contemporary/traditional music genres, mainly Yoruba rhythms, afrobeat, highlife, neosoul and jazz with different American styles. Tosin, who has been artist in residence at the Strathmore Music Center in Rockville and performed at the Kennedy Center, told *The Hyattsville Wire* he calls his music "Afrikan Rhapsody."

Also on the bill is Fernando Hermoza's Hyattsville-based *Hermoza Latin Quartet* with their smooth Afro-South American rhythmic concoction of Tuntuna, Saya, Festejo, Lando and other Latin styles. Filling out the day will be the renowned *US Army Field Jazz Combo* and select members of the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation. AEBHF is based in Riverdale Park and is wonderful source of free, weekly blues and jazz entertainment on the edge of Town Center.

All-News WTOP-FM anchor-reporter David Burd is "thrilled" to return for his fourth tour as ArtsFest emcee.

A Call for Artists, Crafters, Authors and Vendors can be found at www.rpartscouncil.org

Town Center@the MARC Station is at 4650 Queensbury Road in downtown Riverdale Park.

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