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**St. John Hospital & Medical Center Returns as Presenting Sponsor  
of 29th Annual Music on the Plaza**

GROSSE POINTE, Mich., May 16, 2016 – The 2016 Music on the Plaza series, presented by St. John Hospital & Medical Center, invites the public to “Get Jazzed in Grosse Pointe” on Thursday nights with eight free jazz concerts. The “Music on the Plaza” jazz concert series begins June 9, 2016 in downtown Grosse Pointe with performances by the award-winning jazz bands from Grosse Pointe’s public high schools.

The Music on the Plaza jazz concert series is produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Downtown Development Authority with support from individuals and organizations of the community. Celebrating its 29th year, the series features a line-up filled with many of the best loved and most talented artists in Detroit's music community.

Concerts take place on Thursday evenings from June 9-August 4 on an outdoor stage, located at the corner of Kercheval Avenue and St. Clair Avenue, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be no concert on July 28 in order to accommodate The Village Sidewalk Sale, which takes place Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30.

The Music on the Plaza series of eight family friendly concerts are free of charge and open to the public. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. The performances take place, rain or shine. In the event of rain, the concerts will be held at Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux Road, two blocks west from the normal site. Venue changes due to weather and other notifications will be posted online via Facebook, [www.facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointe/](http://www.facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointe/), on the evening of the concert.

Scheduled bands and dates are as follows:

**June 9 – GP North Jazz Band & GP South Jazz Band**

Award-winning jazz bands made up of students from Grosse Pointe North and South High Schools. Sponsored by Morning Glory

**June 16 – Carl Cafagna Metro Jazz Voices**

You'll be tempted to sing along with the Great American Songbook featuring fourpart harmony & vocalese.

**June 23 – Trio Jazz with Special Guest Robert Piphio**

A soulful approach to the Great American Songbook featuring John Denomme & Friends.

**June 30 – Alvin Waddles Trio**

The 'Detroit Original,' leads an iconic trio celebrating music from the first half of the 20th century. Sponsored by Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe

**July 7– T'Bone Paxton with the RJ Spangler Trio**

Music that spans New Orleans, blues, swing and world jazz punctuated by gut-bucket trombone. Sponsored by International Extrusions and the Noecker Family.

**July 14 – OOPAPADA with Dr. Prof Leonard King**

A Motor City blend of funk, blues, jazz, rock, and R&B with Dr. Prof. Leonard King, Glenn Tucker, Jimmy Smith, & James Hughes.

**July 21 – Brazil and Beyond**

Traditional Brazilian Samba and Bossa Nova with pop, jazz and Beatles covers in Brazilian styles.

**Aug 4 –The Sun Messengers**

It wouldn't be summer without Grosse Pointe's favorite dance band and it's a perfect cap to the series.

Note in Schedule: There is no concert July 28.

Produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Downtown Development Authority, the Music on the Plaza jazz concert series is made possible through corporate and community support.

St. John Hospital & Medical Center returns as the official title sponsor. In addition, sponsors and supporters include: Jazz Lover Sponsor Ray Laethem, Jazz Master Sponsor Stifel Nicolaus & Company and Sunrise Senior Living. Partner Sponsors are Wayne County Community College District, Grosse Pointe Orthodontics, Grosse Pointe Music Academy and Grosse Pointe Geek. Presenting Artist Sponsors include Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe presenting Alvin Waddles Trio and Morning Glory Presenting the GP North Jazz Band & GP South Jazz Band and International Extrusions and the Noecker Family sponsoring T'Bone Paxton with the RJ Spangler Trio. Series Sponsors include TCBY and Senior Helpers. Series Supporters are Tutor Doctor, Massage Green, Pointe Fitness, Sanders and Focus 313 Eyewear.

Providing promotional support are media sponsors, Grosse Pointe News, Grosse Pointe Times, Pointe Magazine, and WRCJ 90.9 FM.

Additional information about the series and The Village, downtown Grosse Pointe, is available at [www.thevillagegp.com](http://www.thevillagegp.com).

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