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West Boylston Arts Foundation, Inc. Announces ARTS ROCK! Summer Concert Series

May 27, 2010: The West Boylston Arts Foundation, Inc. (WBAF), a non-profit charitable organization, presents the ARTS ROCK! Summer Concerts to be held on Saturday nights of June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6 and August 20 at the West Boylston's Goodale Park. The concerts will raise funds to ensure arts and music education are not cut or eliminated due to school budget challenges.

On June 25, Time Slips Daily opens the series for electric blues rocker Desiree Bassett. Time Slips Daily is comprised of local teens from West Boylston and the Worcester area, returning to the ARTS ROCK! stage for their second year. Fronted by Nick Perham and Tyler Suprenor, the band plays a mix of garage and punk rock originals and covers. Desiree Bassett, a powerful young guitarist and songwriter, has shared the stage with rock notables including Sammy Hagar at the MGM Grand, Living Colour at the California NAMM Show, the Marshall Tucker Band, and local legends James Montgomery and Brad Whittford. Ms. Bassett has won several awards, produced three Cds, and is considered an upcoming musician with national potential.

On July 9, steel guitar bluesman Rich Brown and blues harp player Claude Von Roesgen open for Beatles For Sale. Rich is a veteran of Worcester's StArt on the Street and West Boylston Fall Festival, known for his down home, heartfelt lyrics that make the blues fun. Beatles for Sale, voted Pulse Magazine's Best Live Act 2010, brings the Beatles back with exquisite virtuosity to match the Fab Four note for note.

On July 23, Ruckus will set the stage for a Jamaican-infused night with Worcester's own Guns of Navarone. Ruckus, an eight-piece college ska band, blend the sounds of saxophone, guitars and cowbells with a dose of break dancing to get the evening started. Guns of Navarone, voted Worcester Magazine's Best Ska/Reggae Band, will keep the energy flowing and the beat going to rock in support of school arts and music education.

On August 7, the WBAF introduces its first ever YOUTHS ROCK! Battle of the Bands. Providing an opportunity for musicians under the age of 21 a chance to showcase their talents, YOUTHS ROCK! will feature teen and youth bands throughout the day and offer cash prizes to the first, second and third place bands, based on audience voting. Headliners Lunar Valve, a Cape Cod-based punk rock band featuring Siobhan Magnus, will take the stage to cap the event.

On August 20, indie rockers Dr. Malcolm will open for Worcester's best rockabilly and garage band, Jason James & the Bay State Houserockers. Known as one of Worcester's hardest working bands, Jason James & the Bay State Houserockers will let loose with a

repertoire of barrelhouse rock and blues in the style of George Thoroughgood and Jerry Lee Lewis, among others. Jason James has won numerous awards and has toured with the U.S.O. to support troops.

“The WBAF funds the Major Elementary School Band in West Boylston. The bands all appreciate what we are doing and the value of the arts in school,” explained Mark Baldi, WBAF President. “In its third year, the ARTS ROCK! Summer Concerts are fun, live Saturday night entertainment for youth and adults to support their schools. One of the key features that we’re most proud of is to include teen and college bands to open for more seasoned veterans. We’re also very excited about YOUTHS ROCK! to really let the younger musician have their day in the sun.”

All concerts start at 7 pm; admission is free for children under 12, \$5 for students ages 13-21, and \$10 for adults over 21. Advance tickets are available for the price of three at West Boylston Insurance Agency and Zaza Ink, and may be used in any combination or dates. With the exception of YOUTHS ROCK!, concerts will be held indoors at West Boylston Middle/High School Auditorium, 125 Crescent St., West Boylston, in the event of rain. In the event of rain on August 6, YOUTHS ROCK! will be held the following day on Sunday, August 7, at Goodale Park.

All concert proceeds will be dedicated to funding West Boylston schools’ art and music education. ARTS ROCK! Summer Concerts are sponsored with the help of A. Beardsley Plumbing & Heating, West Boylston Insurance, Union Music, and Clinton Savings Bank. Additional information may be found at www.wbaf.org

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