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The Show Will Go On: For First Time, City of Omaha to Produce Annual Summer Concert

(April 29, 2019 - OMAHA, NE) The popular summer concert at Memorial Park has been revived, thanks to the generosity of anonymous private donors. The City of Omaha Celebrates America concert will take place on Friday, June 28, with performers beginning at 6:00pm, and a fireworks display following the show that is even bigger and better than ever before!

Following the recent announcement that the 2019 event would be cancelled, anonymous private donors contacted Mayor Jean Stothert offering to work with the Mayor to ensure that the show will go on. The 2019 concert, produced for the first time by the City of Omaha and sponsored by the Omaha Parks Foundation, will feature local favorite The Firm as an opening act, and national act Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul as the headliner. An additional national act will be added soon.

"We are thrilled that the City of Omaha can step in so this tradition will continue this year. I am very grateful to the donors, and to our Parks Department and Parks Foundation that will make the 2019 concert an evening of family fun and great entertainment," said Mayor Jean Stothert.

Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul features lead singer Steven Van Zandt, a founding member of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. The Omaha World-Herald called Little Steven's November 2018 show at the Holland Performing Arts Center "one of the year's best concerts." In 2017, he released his first new album in over 15 years entitled "Soulfire," which was named one of Rolling Stone's "Best Albums of 2017." This May, Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul will release "Summer of Sorcery," his first album of all original material in 20 years.

The City of Omaha will also partner with Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation during the concert to raise money for its Disaster Relief Fund, which provides aid to Nebraska farmers, ranchers, and rural communities affected by recent storms and flooding. Concertgoers will have opportunities to text-to-give during the event, or to give by check or credit card at a Nebraska Farm Bureau information booth.

"The concert provides an opportunity for our great, giving Omaha community to make a positive difference to help those affected by the flooding throughout our state," said Mayor Stothert.

As in years past, the concert will be free to the public and family-friendly. Music will kick off at 6:00pm, and a special, enhanced fireworks display will follow the show, set to a soundtrack provided by Radio Partner CD 105.9.

The event will be professionally managed by local firm Vic Gutman & Associates. For more information, visit www.MemorialParkConcert.com.

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