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Twilight Concert Moves to Ninth Street *More Musical Acts Announced for Concert Series*

Columbia – After a recent street closure approval from the Columbia City Council, *The District* is signing on more musical acts for the William Woods Stage. Organizers have been working closely with the Blue Note to bring some top-notch local and regional talent to Ninth Street.

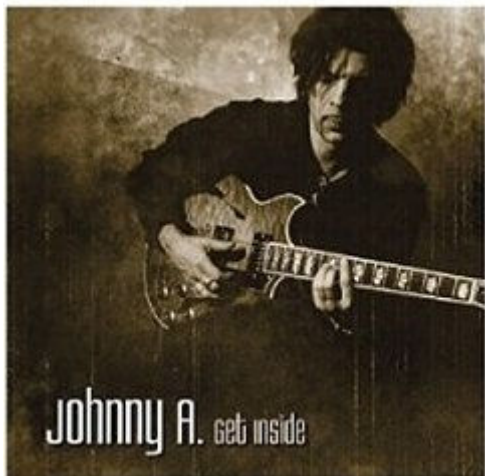
The concerts are sponsored in part by William Woods University and representatives are excited about the changes. "Closing Ninth Street will allow for a larger stage and, as a result, bigger musical acts to enhance this already wonderful event. It is a great development for us as a sponsor of the Twilight Festival," Jenae Kirkwood, director of business recruitment for William Woods University, said.

The current June lineup includes:



The Bait Shop Boys
Appearing June 7, 7 - 9 p.m.

This great local band was formed when members of the Mudbugs and the Night Crawlers came together to play what they call "hillbilly jazz." Most of their members were discovered playing on street corners so they'll be glad to hear we've closed off an entire street for them!



Johnny A.
Appearing June 14, 7 - 9 p.m.

Johnny A. is a guitarist who mixes rock, country and blues so well that Gibson offers a custom model guitar named after him. How cool is that?



Backyard Tire Fire
Appearing June 21, 7 - 9 p.m.

Fresh off Wakarusa, BTF brings their smoldering mix of roots and alt.country to *The District*.

The Twilight Festival is held in *The District* every Thursday in June and September from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Sidewalk bands will perform from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. while the Concert Series will run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Retail shops will also be open from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Concert Series is made possible with help from William Woods University and the City of Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau. William Woods has sponsored the Concert Series since 2001. William Woods University is now an invaluable partner of the Twilight Festival.

The Twilight Festival is organized by the Central Columbia Association, a voluntary merchants' association dedicated to promoting shopping, dining and entertainment in *The District*. The Columbia Special Business District, its sister organization, is dedicated to beautification, business recruitment, economic development, historic preservation and other issues.

For more information and music updates, go to www.twilightfestival.com.