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JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL IN KENOSHA OFFERS REDUCED TICKET PRICE TO THE UNEMPLOYED

The HarborPark Jazz & Blues Festival, Saturday, August 22nd, in Kenosha, Wisconsin is offering a reduced ticket price to persons who are unemployed. Anyone who is currently unemployed is qualified to receive a \$10 discount from the \$25 general admission price. Discount ticket price is \$15. Individuals are not required to show proof of their unemployment status; however, a valid photo ID is required. They may purchase up to four tickets per household at the reduced price.

Discount tickets for the unemployed are stamped with the slogan, "Stay United", in honor of the United Way's involvement in this community-minded effort. "Stay United" tickets may be purchased now through August 7th at the United Way of Kenosha County, 3601 30th Avenue. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00-4:00 PM. Phone number is (262) 658-4104.

These tickets are also for sale at the Kenosha Community Foundation, 600 52nd Street, Suite 110. The Foundation's phone number is (262) 654-2412. Its office is open on Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Ticket sales are non-refundable. They are not available at the gate, online, or other business locations.

"This special pricing provides people who have lost their jobs an affordable opportunity to enjoy this great event," said Tim Mahone of the Mahone Fund, organizer of the festival. "We recognize that many members of our community are struggling financially and emotionally during this major economic downturn. Therefore, we have significantly lowered our ticket price for these individuals and their families. We want everyone to celebrate the spirit of America's original art forms, jazz and blues music, with us on August 22nd."

The HarborPark Jazz & Blues Festival promises an afternoon and evening of great music, including the legendary Nelson Rangell, one of jazz fusion's most accomplished artists, along with Christopher's Project from Milwaukee. The event also presents *Artists Row*, where visual artists from Kenosha's Lemon Street Gallery will demonstrate their craft for the public's enjoyment. In addition, great-tasting food and refreshments are available, or the public may bring along food and beverages to enjoy during their day on Kenosha's lakefront.

The festival is a fundraiser for the Mary Lou and Arthur F. Mahone Fund, which provides financial support for disadvantaged women who suffer from breast cancer and cervical cancer. All proceeds from this event are directed toward this initiative. The Fund, which is managed by the Kenosha Community Foundation, also offers scholarship opportunities for academically and economically disadvantaged youth.

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