

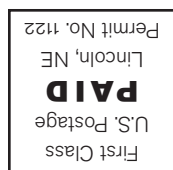
2006 Downtown Performance Series

The 2006 Downtown Performance Series in the Lincoln Community Foundation Gardens at 1415 N Street is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, May 17, 2006. Performances are scheduled to take place from noon to 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday through September 27, 2006. In addition to our Wednesday series, we are pleased to announce through a partnership with the Meadowlark Music Festival a performance will be added to the series on Thursday, July 13, 2006 when Boston Brass will perform from noon-1:00 p.m.

For more than 22 years, the Downtown Performance Series has been a vibrant part of our downtown entertainment. Updowntowners is pleased to offer these free performances to the community. The twenty week concert series is made possible through the generous contributions of Pinnacle Bank, Colby Ridge, Cornerstone Printing and Imaging and the Lincoln Community Foundation. This year's schedule highlights a variety of talent designed to appeal to all ages. For more information, contact Updowntowners at 434-6902 or visit our website at www.updowntowners.org.

Downtown Performance Series Schedule

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| May | 17 | Foxfire Bluegrass • <i>Contemporary Bluegrass</i> |
| | 24 | Emanon • <i>Vocal & Acoustic Duo</i> |
| | 31 | Tuna Fish Jones • <i>Rock, Jazz & Blues</i> |
| June | 7 | Broad Appeal • <i>Hit Parade Songs</i> |
| | 14 | The Von Kampen Trio • <i>Pop & Rock</i> |
| | 21 | YMCA Lefler School of Rock • <i>Rock & Roll</i> |
| | 28 | Baby Needs Shoes • <i>Contemporary</i> |
| July | 5 | Sharon Kreimer and Friends • <i>Contemporary & Jazz</i> |
| | 12 | Lisa Watkins Advanced Violin Students • <i>Classical</i> |
| | | <i>*Special Performance sponsored by the Meadowlark Music Festival*</i> |
| | 13 | Boston Brass • <i>Brass Quintet of Classical and Jazz Harmonies</i> |
| | 19 | YWCA Dance Academy • <i>Youth Dancing</i> |
| | 26 | Oranjesta • <i>Pop & Rock</i> |
| Aug | 2 | Pipher & Keefe • <i>Guitar & Fiddle Duo</i> |
| | 9 | Sarabande Jazz • <i>Contemporary & Jazz</i> |
| | 16 | Capital City Cloggers • <i>High Energy Clogging</i> |
| | 23 | The OK Chorale • <i>Broadway & Pop</i> |
| | 30 | Garey Hatten • <i>Country & Rock</i> |
| Sept | 6 | McClellan Singing Sisters • <i>Contemporary</i> |
| | 13 | Hardy Holm • <i>Country, Blues & Rock</i> |
| | 20 | Terri Jo • <i>Contemporary</i> |
| | 27 | The Melody Wranglers • <i>Country</i> |





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Coming Up

Downtown Performance Series

May 17 – September 27, 2006
Noon – 1 p.m., FREE Admission
Lincoln Community Foundation Gardens
14th and N Streets (behind Korn Popper)

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

May 17, 2006
5 – 7 p.m.
Lewis Fields

Membership Luncheon

Topic: Celebrate Lincoln
May 25, 2006 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Old Chicago
RSVP 434-6507

Celebrate Lincoln Volunteer Training

Attend one session only
Wednesday, June 7, 2006: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 8, 2006: Noon – 1 p.m.
Bennett Martin Library
14th and N Streets
4th Floor Auditorium

Celebrate Lincoln Ethnic Festival

www.celebratelincoln.org
June 9 -11, 2006
Friday: 5 - 10:30 p.m.
Saturday: 11 am – 10:30 p.m.
Sunday: 11 am – 3 p.m.
12th and N Streets

Updowntowners Golf Classic

June 15, 2006
Yankee Hill Country Club
11:30 a.m. registration and lunch
Call Event Headquarters for more information, 434-6902

July Jamm

www.julyjamm.org
July 21 – 22, 2006: 11 a.m. – Midnight
12th and N Streets

For more information or to sign up to volunteer for our events contact: www.updowntowners.org or call our events office at 434-6902.

Third Annual Celebrate Lincoln moves to June 9th – 11th

By Nancy Cain, Celebrate Lincoln Chair

Try Baklava with Chopsticks! Celebrate Lincoln presented by Lincoln Benefit Life and produced by Updowntowners is returning to Downtown Lincoln, June 9-11, 2006. Celebrate Lincoln kicks off on Friday at 5:00 p.m. just in time for dinner and a first peek at the wonderful activities, merchants and music lineup that will heat up the night until 10:30 p.m. on both nights. Admission is free!

The downtown corridor at 12th and N Streets will be transformed into a bustling World Market. Visitors to the Celebrate Lincoln ethnic festival will enjoy 17 food vendors ranging from American BBQ to Southern Indian, from authentic Mexican cuisine to Native American Tacos. Children will enjoy making their own souvenirs such as dream catchers, African masks and writing their name in another language. In addition to activities, children of all ages will enjoy pony rides and inflatable games including an obstacle course, jousting and a giant slide. Don't forget to plan time to enjoy the ongoing magic shows and free balloon hats!

While you savor the flavors of the market, your feet will jump to the beat of many different drums—the best in Latino, Asian and Celtic music—to name a few. The night will come alive Friday with the energetic sounds of rock band Casting Pearls at 7 p.m., and the blues, jazz and funk fusion band Electric Soul Method at 9 p.m. On Saturday night, put on your dancing shoes as the reggae, calypso band Rhythm Collective takes the stage at

7 p.m., followed by the toe-tapping Celtic rock band The Elders at 9 p.m.

Last year more than 14,000 patrons enjoyed Celebrate Lincoln visiting Downtown Lincoln from across the country as well as the far corners of Nebraska. Updowntowners is anticipating even more spectators as we work to add to the vitality of Downtown Lincoln and build community harmony through interaction, education and celebration. A special thanks to our generous partners Lincoln Benefit Life, Wells Fargo, Southeast Community College, Lincoln Journal Star, Broadcast House, Time Warner Cable, Channel 8 KLNK-TV and KOLN/KGIN 10/11 for your commitment to bringing Celebrate Lincoln to our community. For more information about Celebrate Lincoln or to volunteer at the event, please visit www.celebratelincoln.org or call the event headquarters at 434-6902.



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President's Column

By T.J. Casady, President



What a beautiful spring season we have enjoyed this year! The mild weather Lincoln has experienced lately has lent itself well to participating in outdoor activities, and is a welcome sign to the start of our 2006 event season.

This year's Updowntowners' spring and summer event season is packed with more fun and excitement than ever before! Your Updowntowners' Board of Directors has been hard at work implementing new and creative strategies to ensure that this year's events will be some of the most memorable and spectacular events in the history of our organization. We recently created and hired a new Events Coordinator position to help fulfill this promise and we are very pleased to welcome Tina Reeves to the team. Tina brings a tremendous background in marketing and communications, and has been an excellent fit for Updowntowners. Tina has been working with our highly creative and energetic Executive Director, Deb Johnson, and also in conjunction with our event chairs to help streamline our internal operations.

Updowntowners has always had a solid core of volunteers whom have made up our event committees and this year that core of volunteers is especially strong. Not only do we have seasoned event chairs and co-chairs doing an excellent job running our event committees this year, but the committees themselves are larger, more diverse and arguably more innovative than ever before. Need more details to get excited about? You got it: 191 bright and vibrant flags representing diverse cultures suspended in midair over our event site, a roaming crowd hypnotist, magic shows, brand new inflatable games, pony rides, new bands such as Casting Pearls and familiar bands like Los Straightjackets, Husker athletes, new food vendors and new craft activities. This is just a taste of all the wonderful things YOU can experience by attending or volunteering at one of our summer events! Please see our website at www.updowntowners.org for detailed information regarding each one of our events including food vendor and entertainment lineups.

Please consider joining in the fun. The event committee volunteers cannot produce these events without active members/volunteers like you. Help us bring this years events to life by calling the Updowntowners' Event Headquarters to volunteer at 434-6902.

Excitement is building for the Fifth Annual Updowntowners' Golf Classic!

By Bryan Sullivan, Golf Committee Chair

Whether you are a beginner or a polished professional, the Updowntowners' Golf Classic will be enjoyed by all. Your day will include great food, golf, prizes and a silent auction for you to bid on some fun items. Proceeds from the event go toward the production of Updowntowners' events such as: Star City Holiday Parade, Celebrate Lincoln, Downtown Forum Luncheons, Special Olympics Torch Run, July Jamm and the Downtown Performance Series.

The beautiful Yankee Hill Country Club will again be the host site for this year's tournament, which will be played Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 11:30 am. The format is the ever-popular 18-hole, 4-person scramble. Cost is \$75 per person and includes: green fees, cart, range balls, box lunch, dinner and awards. Divisions will be established for men's, women's and mixed teams, so there is sure to be prizes for many. In addition, many of our gracious sponsors will be located throughout the course offering fun activities to all golfers, such as a \$20,000 hole-in-one cash prize!

If golf is not your thing, we still have a few spots available for sponsorships. This is a great way to network your company to business professionals throughout our community, as well as give to a wonderful cause. Either way, we'd love to have you as part of the Updowntowners' Golf Classic!

See you on the course!



July Jamm: “One Last Blast – Best of the Past”

By Misty Wendt, July Jamm Chair

This year's July Jamm is the 15th and final time, and we are planning “One Last Blast!”

July Jamm, presented by TierOne Bank, is one of the Midwest's largest summer festivals, featuring live music, art, food and activities July 21-22. For the 15th and final year July Jamm will fill the corner of 12th and N Streets with outstanding live bands, a wide variety of delicious foods, amazing artwork and fun festival activities. This year's entertainment, sponsored by U.S. Cellular, will feature the “Best of the Past” with crowd favorites from the previous 14 festivals.

Friday night's lineup includes the rocking rockabilly of 18 Wheeler at 6 p.m., blues master Dave Alvin and the Guilty Men will follow at 8 p.m., with “Boss of the Boogie” Rob Rio at 10 p.m. Saturday opens with award-winning blues band, The Tablerockers at 6 p.m., the “Empress of Soul” E.C. Scott at 8 p.m. and the eccentric Mexican surf-rock style of Los Straitjackets at 10 p.m.

July Jamm hours are 11 a.m. to midnight on Friday, July 21, and Saturday, July 22. Admission both days is FREE until 3 p.m. After 3 p.m. the gate fee becomes \$7 for those ages 13 and older. Food, beverage and activity tickets in strips of nine sell for \$5.

For detailed information about July Jamm, to inquire about pre-purchasing discounted ticket packages or to volunteer at the event, visit www.updowntowners.org or call (402) 434-6902. Scheduled bands are subject to change.

We need you to be successful!

Without our numerous volunteers, Updowntowners would not be able to produce such successful events. From the steering committees to the greeters at the gates and everyone in between, Celebrate Lincoln and July Jamm are run entirely by volunteers. Maybe you joined Updowntowners for a chance to meet other people, network or just to be where the action is – volunteering is a great chance to do all three! So find a friend or two, and sign up for a shift at Celebrate Lincoln, July Jamm or both!

Volunteers are needed in the following areas (must be 21 or older):

- Gate Greeters
- Ticket Booth
- Wristbands
- Beer Booth
- Beverage Booth
- Inflatable games and Children's activities (16 years or older)
- Souvenirs
- Set-Up/Tear-Down

Large Groups Welcome! We encourage large groups to volunteer and wear your company shirt to show your community spirit. Groups of 10 or more will be recognized on the event website.

To volunteer:

- Log on to www.updowntowners.org and click on the Celebrate Lincoln or July Jamm icon
- Or call the Updowntowners at: (402) 434-6902

Updowntowners Hires Events Coordinator



Updowntowners has added a new position to assist with events production. The Events Coordinator will work directly with the volunteer-driven event steering committees, assist with marketing and recruitment of volunteers.

Updowntowners welcomes Tina Reeves to the staff. Tina is a native of Lincoln, Nebraska and holds a degree in advertising from the University of Nebraska-

Lincoln. She has worked in the marketing communications industry for the past six years. Tina enjoys giving to the Lincoln community through volunteering. Currently she serves on various boards throughout the community.

Tina shares, “within the position as Events Coordinator, I look forward to enriching the community and enhancing the vitality of our downtown. I especially look forward to working with all the fabulous volunteers that produce successful events every year to make Lincoln such a wonderful place. I am grateful to you, because without you – the volunteers – there would be no Updowntowners. Please stop by and see me if you have a moment, introduce yourself and I would love to hear your favorite Updowntowners' story!”

Welcome to our New Members

Brandi Adkins-Meredith,
First National Bank

Taylor Ashburn,
Security Federal Bank

Andrea Bopp,
The Schemmer Associates

Lynda Johnson, *Woods Bros Realty*

Dena Noe, *TierOne Bank*

Patricia Schmidt,
First National Bank

Cory Smathers,
Lincoln Action Program

Kate Sousek, *Smith Hayes Financial*
Nancy Taylor, *Athena Studio of
World Dance*