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The free Starry Nights concert series begins June 25

Brookfield, WI (April 16, 2010) The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts opens its FREE summertime Friday night concert series, **Starry Nights, Friday, June 25**. All shows begin at **6:30 pm** rain or shine in the Gerlach Outdoor Theater in Brookfield's Mitchell Park. **For more information about Starry Nights, call (262) 781-9470 or visit wilson-center.com.**

Lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets are a staple of Starry Nights. Snacks and beverages are also available for purchase from North Star American Bistro, Hauto Taco, Loaf & Jug, and Bella Caffe. Starry Nights concerts attract 1500-3000 community members each week for a free concert on the east lawn of the Wilson Center in bucolic Mitchell Park. "This year's concert line up features a diverse list of local and regional musicians with wide-ranging musical styles—it's a great way to wind down the week," says Executive Director Jonathan Winkle.

Robinella | Friday, June 25, 6:30 pm

Robinella brings honey-sweet vocals that blend bluegrass, country, and jazz straight from Tennessee.

Cream City Concert Band | Friday, July 2, 6:30 pm

Conductor Jon Carter Simmons revisits old time Americana with crowd favorites such as John Philip Sousa's *The Stars and Stripes Forever*, the *Armed Forces Salute*, and Goldman's *The Chimes of Liberty*.

Wilson Center Big Band | Friday, July 9, 6:30 pm

The Wilson Center Big Band brings some of the best regional musicians together for high-powered swing, big band, and standards. Members have toured and recorded with the likes of Buddy Rich, Stan Kenton, Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, and Guy Lombardo.

Spanglish | Friday, July 16, 6:30 pm

Is that Rumba, Plena, Bomba, Merengue, or Cumbia? With fresh and innovative influences coming straight from the island of Puerto Rico, this band is out to impress!

Liam Ford Band | Friday, July 23, 6:30 pm

The two-time winners of the WAMI for best rockabilly band, the four guys from Liam Ford will hit the stage and take the crowd for a musical ride they won't forget.

Streetlife with Warren Wiegratz | Friday, July 30, 6:30 pm

Multi-award winning recording artists and house band for the Milwaukee Bucks, Streetlife combines superb musicianship with an exciting stage presence and a unique blend of R&B, smooth jazz, and contemporary styles.

Green Tea | Friday, August 6, 6:30 pm

By mixing Celtic roots with rock, pop, folk, jazz, and funk, Wisconsin-based Green Tea has built a new generation of Celtic music.

Sponsors for the series include Field's Auto Group, Steinhafels, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., RBC Wealth Management, Godfrey & Kahn S.C., Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, and Fidelity Investments—Brookfield Investor Center.

The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts is a non-profit, multi-disciplinary cultural arts center that offers performances by regional and touring groups, arts education, and an art gallery with changing exhibits. The Center nurtures lifelong learning through innovative programs and classes for all interests, ages, and abilities in state-of-the-art studios and classrooms. Some of Southeast Wisconsin's finest arts organizations offer professional instruction at the Wilson Center, including Danceworks, Inc., First Stage Theater Academy, and the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. Wisconsin fine artists are showcased at the Hidden River Art Festival in September and in the Ploch Art Gallery with five exhibitions each year. **The Wilson Center for the Arts is just minutes west of Milwaukee, nestled in Brookfield's Mitchell Park south of 198th & Capitol Drive. For information about the Wilson Center call (262)781-9470.**