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40 North | 88 West Kicks Off Friday Night Live
Street-side performance series begins May 30

Champaign County — This summer Downtown Champaign will once again serve as the backdrop for Friday Night Live, a free street-side performance series open to the general public. Friday Night Live is presented by 40 North – the Champaign County Arts Council – with generous support from Midland States Bank, Champaign Center Partnership, Illini Radio Group, and the City of Champaign.

Friday Night Live will be held every Friday from 6-8 pm, starting May 30 and running through August 22. Performances will take place at the intersections of Neil & Church, Neil & Park, and Walnut & Chester in Downtown Champaign and will include an eclectic mix of music and street performances including bluegrass, jazz, folk, and blues, along with a cappella, dancing, and live painting. There will also be a special family activity every week including balloon animals, glitter tattoos, hula hooping, puppets, and much much more!

The lineup for Friday, May 30th:

Walnut & Chester:

6pm: **Bruce “Bruiser” Rummenie & Dawna Nelson** – blues/Americana/roots

7pm: **Joe Asselin** – blues guitar

Neil & Park:

6pm: **Matter of Days** – rock/pop/alternative

7pm: **Hathaways & Tom Turino** – music from the Andes

Neil & Church (One Main Plaza):

6pm: **Big Creek Guitar Band** – classic rock/blues

7pm: **Gloria Roubal & Paul Sabuco** – acoustic pop/rock

Also featured on Friday, May 30th will be balloon animals, a pop-up “rock star” photo booth, and tasty samples from Homer Soda Company!

Visit 40North.org/FNL, FNLChampaign.com, and Facebook.com/FNLChampaign for weekly lineups and more information.

Special thanks to our supporters: Orange & Blue Distributing and No Regrets Tattoos.

This program would not be possible without additional help from our business partners: Big Grove Tavern, Busey, Café Kopi, Champaign Telephone Company, Christopher & Co., Cowboy Monkey, Esquire Lounge, Hyatt Place Champaign-Urbana, Mary Ann Royse Law Office, M2 on Neil, and One Main Development.

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