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**MARKET SQUARE COMES TO LIFE WITH SATURDAY NIGHT MARKETS
AND NEW DOWNTOWN SOUND SERIES OF FREE CONCERTS**

- **25-WEEK SEASON KICKS-OFF WITH RAELYN NELSON,
GRANDDAUGHTER OF COUNTRY MUSIC ICON WILLIE NELSON**
- **MARKET OCCURS RAIN OR SHINE EVERY SATURDAY EVENING THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER**
- **FEATURES HANDCRAFTED JEWELRY, ART, FASHION, HOME GOODS, FOOD, GAMES, AND MORE**
 - **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTED BY PITTSBURGH’S BEST MUSIC PROGRAMMERS**

Downtown Pittsburgh – On Saturday, May 12, the Saturday Night Market returns for a 25 week run in Market Square, featuring the new Downtown Sound series of free weekly concerts on the Pittsburgh City Paper Stage. Presented by the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, the Saturday Night Market offers goods from some of Pittsburgh’s most creative independent vendors selling artisan crafts, fashion, art, jewelry, photography, as well as games, food, and of course live music. You can keep up-to-date on entertainment and vendors by for the Saturday Night Market by subscribing to our weekly e-newsletters or following us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram: @DowntownPitt.

The Downtown Sound concert series will kick off with a special performance by Raelyn Nelson, granddaughter of Willie Nelson, presented in collaboration with LiveBurgh Studio. Her sound has been described as pop-leaning, country influenced punk; equally inspired by Cheap Trick and Loretta Lynn. Angela Autumn and local band Tears of Joy will open for Raelyn.

According to Jeremy Waldrup, President and CEO of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, “The first year of the weekly Saturday Night Market proved to be a very popular and vibrant hub in the heart of Downtown. In our second year, we are proud to collaborate on our Downtown Sound music initiative with a number of highly respected community partners to present a diverse cross section of free local performances.”

A high-quality list of local organizations will co-present the programming of the weekly music series including 91.3 WYEP-FM, MCG Jazz, Deutschtown Music Festival /Northside Leadership Conference, Boom Concepts, LiveBurgh Studio, Mr. Smalls Funhouse, Blues Society of Western PA, and The Pittsburgh City Paper. Later in the season, the highly-touted 91.3 WYEP FM Singer/Songwriter competition returns to the Market for the second year with an increased number of contestants and performances by established performers who will be among the judges.

Upcoming performances include:

- May 19 | Josh Verbanets; Nathan Zoob; presented with LiveBurgh Studio
- May 26 | AcoustiCafe featuring Kayla Schureman Chet Vincent and Zack Keim, presented with Mr. Smalls Funhouse
- June 2 | LoFi Delphi; Andre Costello and The Cool Minors; Grand Piano; DJ The Lopez, presented with Deutschtown Music Festival

A partial list of other artists slated for later in the season include: Slim Tha DJ, Arie Cole, DJ Jaybee Jackson. Anqwenique Wingfield, Jacquea Mae (Boom Concepts); Bad Custer Band, Morgan Erina, Sadie Freund (Liveburgh)

Studios); Clara Kent, BBGuns, DJ Kanti Kasa (Deushtown Music Festival); The N-Motion Band, MCG Jazz Quintet (MCG Jazz); Aris Paul, Elias Khouri, Jeff Fetterman (Blues Society of Western PA.)

In addition to the high quality entertainment, over the course of the season, the Market provides a showcase for more than 100 high-quality vendors of artisan, hand-made arts and crafts, jewelry, photography, food, and more. In the second year of the Market, the PDP has worked to attract new vendors with diverse and unique offerings, building a curated experience of products that are not easily found.

“Everyone at 837 North is so excited to be back at the Saturday Night Markets this year. We’ve met so many wonderful vendors and customers at these markets and we can’t wait to get to do that again in 2018,” said Jamie Outrich owner of 837 North, a Pittsburgh-based soy candle company.

Vendors include: 3R Wear, A Woman’s Touch Fashions, Andy Beck’s Studio, Brewed 2 Burn, Corner Alchemy Apothecary, Grateful Dougs, Keystone Crystals, LinaBags, Linda Barnicott Art & Gifts, Magnolia on Main, Neighborhood Blonde, Sinclair Jewelry, Three Rivers Clay Works, Wigle Whiskey, Xo, Moe along with many, many more.

Support for the weekly Night Market is provided by Pittsburgh City Paper, [Green Mountain Energy](#), [WYEP](#) and [WESA](#).

About the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership

Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership (PDP) is a dynamic, nonprofit organization comprised of business and community leaders, property owners, civic organizations, foundations and residents who provide energy, vision and advocacy for Downtown Pittsburgh. Working collaboratively with its partners, the PDP strives to create a positive Downtown experience for residents, workers and visitors alike. The PDP’s strategic initiatives include clean and safe services, transportation, and economic development and advocacy. For more information, visit www.DowntownPittsburgh.com, follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram: #DowntownPitt.

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