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**MARKET SQUARE COMES TO LIFE WITH SATURDAY NIGHT MARKETS
AND 24-WEEK SEASON OF DOWNTOWN SOUND SERIES FREE CONCERTS**

- **NIGHT MARKETS FEATURE HANDCRAFTED JEWELRY, ART, FASHION, AND HOME GOODS FROM MORE THAN 100 VENDORS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON**
- **CONCERTS REFLECT DIVERSE CROSS-SECTION OF LOCAL MUSIC IN COLLABORATION WITH WIDER RANGE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS**
- **ANCHORED BY MARKET SQUARE SHOWS, SATURDAY NIGHT IS MUSIC NIGHT IN DOWNTOWN WITH FREE PERFORMANCES IN MULTIPLE VENUES EVERY WEEKEND**

Downtown Pittsburgh – This Saturday, May 18, the [Saturday Night Market](#) returns for a 24-week run in Market Square, featuring the return of the popular 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 larger-than-life games, food, and live music.

The Downtown Sound concert series kicks off this year with performances and a CD release party celebrating WYEP-FM’s Reimagination project. Connecting up-and-coming teen musicians with professional mentors, the Reimagination project is now in its sixth iteration and has engaged with more than 90 area teen musicians since 2013, including Grammy Award-winning recording artist Daya, Urban Pathways Sounds of Steel, and more.

According to Jeremy Waldrup, President and CEO of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, “We’re thrilled to continue to build a new tradition of Saturday Night Markets that offer a vibrant hub of activity, music, and shopping in the heart of Downtown every weekend. Now in the second year, we are proud to expand the number of Downtown Sound collaborators with our shared goal of presenting a widely diverse cross-section of local music.”

This season, PDP music co-presenters include the Funhouse at Mr. Smalls, 91.3 WYEP-FM, MCG Jazz, Women Who Rock, Deutchtown Music Festival, BOOM Concepts, LiveBurgh Studio, Weather Permitting, Misra Records, Blues Society of Western PA, YMCA Lighthouse Project and the Pittsburgh City Paper.

Upcoming performances include:

- May 18, presented with WYEP-FM’s Reimagination Project: performers include King JMP, The Allies, Sloane Simon, Sunburst House Band, and This is the World
- May 25 presented with Women Who Rock: performers include Bryana Appley, Julia Capuzzi, Jessa Kenzi, and Melina Bowser, the 2019 Women Who Rock Rising Star Winner

Musical acts for the season are still being confirmed, but a partial list of coming artists include Tony Campbell, Jacquea Mae, Nameless in August, Elias Khouri, Pierce Dipner, Dan Bubien, and Bad Custer.

Saturday Night is Music Night in Downtown!

Weekly Market Square performances serve as a centerpiece to an increasing selection of live music across Downtown every Saturday Night, with regularly scheduled free concerts in a variety of venues and establishments including Wolfies Pub, Nola on the Square, Olive or Twist, Andys at the Fairmont, and Eddie V's, with additional venues expected throughout the season. A complete listing of all the free Downtown concerts is published weekly in the PDP's email newsletter and at DowntownPittsburgh.com.

A Unique, Curated Shopping Experience

In addition to high-quality entertainment, the Night Market provides a showcase for more than 100 high-quality, unique vendors of artisan, hand-made arts and crafts, jewelry, photography, food, and more over the course of the season. In the third year of the weekly Market, the PDP has expanded the range of new vendors with diverse offerings while bringing back customer favorites.

A small sampling of vendors for this year include 3R Wear, A Woman's Touch Fashions, Arsenal Cider House, Bow by Kat, Cherish Creamery, Etna Print Circus, LinaBags, Linda Barnicott Art & Gifts, Magnolia on Main, MesaTerra, Pittsburgh Pottery, Sinful Sweets Chocolate Company, Style Truck, and Wigle Whiskey, along with many, many more.

A number of additional Night Markets will occur on Fridays during the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's Three Rivers Arts Festival, Picklesburgh, and other select dates. Keep up-to-date on entertainment and vendors for the Saturday Night Market by subscribing to the PDP's weekly e-newsletters and following along on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: @DowntownPitt.

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, and follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram: @DowntownPitt.

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