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PREMEIRE ARTIST SERIES RETURNS

Donny Brown and the Van Dell Tones – June 17, 2015

Charlotte, MI, June 8, 2015– After a one year hiatus, the Charlotte Performing Arts Center is pleased to announce the return of the professional artist series. Professional performances will return to the stage on Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30pm with Donny Brown and the Van Dell Tones, and the announcement of the entire 2015-2016 season.

The newly revised Premiere Artist Series of professional acts will take to the stage with Donny Brown, a Lansing based musician and co-founding member of the chart-topping Michigan alt-rock band The Verve Pipe. He will be performing new original material from his debut solo release, the Hess Street E.P. along with fresh acoustic translations of his classic Verve Pipe material.

Known for his strong drumming, songwriting and vocal abilities, Brown is taking center stage and trading the drums for his acoustic guitar with a backing band consisting of Scott Van Dell on guitars, Chris Zehnder on guitar & vocals, Hank Horton on bass & vocals, Jeff Lenkowski on drums & percussion, and Randy Sly on keyboard to showcase his incredible catalog of new original compositions and crowd favorites for this show.

Also joining Donny will be Ron 'Rosco' Selley on harmonica, Kay Rinker O'Neil on flute and vocals and Abbey Hoffman on vocals. While a student at MSU Brown co-founded The Verve Pipe, who scored #1 Billboard hits with their RCA debut release Villains in 1996. Donny has also worked with legendary songwriters Ed Robertson from Barenaked Ladies, Willy Porter and the Hanson brothers. He has also produced recordings for numerous Michigan bands, including 19 Wheels, The Hard Lessons and The Atomic Numbers.

Opening the show will be New York city-raised – Lansing-based singer-songwriter Abbey Hoffman playing selections from her latest CD release This Too Shall Pass. She has been performing regionally as a solo performer and also as a featured vocalist as part of the Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of Charlotte Performing Arts Center and is the kick off to the Celebrate Charlotte Festival weekend. Tickets are \$10.00 for all seats; and are available online at www.CPACpresents.com

Make a night of it as we host an Italian Dinner with make your own pasta bar (including assorted pastas and sauces), side dishes, desert and beverages for an additional \$8.00 adults or \$6.00 for students. Proceeds from this dinner go to benefit the Eaton Area Senior Center.

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