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Cool Sounds Highlights Up and Coming Talent

Teen Jamboree Performs on July 15th

BANGOR, ME- Downtown Bangor Partnership and City of Bangor Parks and Recreation present the 5th annual Outdoor Market and Cool Sounds Free Concert Series; **Thursday evenings from 5:00 -8:00 PM June 10- July 29.** These events have become a summertime tradition in Downtown Bangor for locals and visitors of all ages. Events take place rain or shine so attendees are encouraged to dress for the weather. In the event of heavy rain market participation is at the discretion of the vendor and concerts will be moved under Pickering Square garage.

Cool Sounds free concerts are held in Pickering Square from 7:00 PM- 8:00 PM. This week Cool Sounds is hosting a **Teen Jamboree** to showcase some of the area's up and coming talent. Come to Cool Sounds this week to catch some of the rising stars of Bangor and beyond! Performers include:

Emily Guillow is from Hampden. She has been singing and playing acoustic guitar for almost 7 years and brings her own style to classic, new, and original songs. Emily started on her solo career a year ago and has been playing at Bangor establishments since that time.

Matthew Henley Bush is a 14 year old resident of Holden. At age four he was inspired to play the piano after countless hours of watching his grandfather, Donald Nelligan, play ragtime songs. Matthew has been taking piano lessons with Daryl Rhodes for the past five years. He has played at the Muddy Rudder, Bangor Motor Inn, several private parties, and was the accompanist to the All Saints Catholic School chorus for the past three years. Matthew will be a freshman at John Bapst Memorial High School in September.

Maximum Blue is a father/son guitar/fiddle duo hailing from Bangor. Max is 13 years old and entering the 8th grade. He started playing violin at age 6. By age 9 he was performing publically as the main core of Maximum Blue. He has four recorded CDs to his credit having completed one yearly since age 9. Max has played at four Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festivals, four Paul Bunyan Bluegrass Festivals, four American Folk Festivals, three Belfast Celtic Celebrations, at the Perkinstock Bluegrass Festival and the Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Festival, as well as a host of smaller fairs, festivals and events. He has played with or for professional musicians including the Pine Mountain Railroad Bluegrass Band, Matt Hayes of the Bluegrass Diamonds, Jason Carter of the Del McCoury Bluegrass Band, Cape Breton Fiddler Collin Grant and PEI Fiddler Cynthia McLeod. Max has met and swapped CDs with Cape Breton Fiddlers Natalie & Buddie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy. Max enjoys aggressive bluegrass but also plays old-time, Maritime Canadian and newgrass styles.

Ray Costlow turned 12 years old in June. She is going into the 7th grade at Cohen School, she plays in the school orchestra and hopes to join the school jazz band next year. Ray won the Bangor/Brewer talent contest at the age of 10 and has received first prize in various talent contests at summer fairs in Maine. She opened for MTV recording artist Jen Grinell and has performed at all of the local "open mics". She enjoys blues and Jazz. Ray will be singing and playing the bass. Ray's Dad and a couple friends will be backing her up.

This year's remaining concert lineup is: July 15- Teen Jamboree, July 22- Banjo Dan and the Midnight Plowboys and July 29- RetroRockerz.

The Outdoor Market takes place in conjunction with the Cool Sounds Concerts; located in West Market Square and along Broad Street/Merchants Plaza from 5:00 PM- 8:00 PM. The market features Maine-made fine arts, select crafts, specialty food items and produce. All items are handmade, prepared or raised by the vendor. **Over 35 vendors** selling a variety of items at reasonable prices. Items available include; bread, candy, goat cheese, handbags, home goods, iron-work, jewelry, photography, pottery, toys and much more. A complete list of vendors and 2010 concert lineup is available on www.downtownbangor.com.

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