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20th Anniversary
Alive After Five Summer Concert Series
The Countdown to the Final Three Events of the Season

(September 7, 2006 – Boise, ID) This summer the Downtown Boise Alive After Five Summer Concert Series **celebrates 20 years** of providing Boise with fun and music. The event takes place on the Grove Plaza downtown Boise, every Wednesday **through September 27th**. This free Summer Concert Series is a community favorite in downtown Boise. **Join us for the final three dates of the season on September 13th, 20th & 27th.**

The final three bands are Little Big Man, Smoking Joe Kubek featuring Bnois King, and James McMurtry.

Little Big Man's innovative sound stems from diverse backgrounds in roots reggae, jazz, funk, and Hawaiian. The band commands the stage with unmistakable harmonies, a phenomenal rhythm section, and a presence that is known to get people on their feet. Fans have been mesmerized by the reggae dubs, excited by dancehall, captured by the roots, and enticed by the funk jams.

Smoking Joe Kubek featuring Bnois King. There's no question why they gave Joe Kubek the nickname "Smokin'". He's one of the hottest electric guitar players on the blues scene today. Kubek has the technique and the chops to burn up any stage and has been doing so for the past 30 years. A guitar prodigy at the age of 14, the Texas guitar slinger frequented the Dallas bar scene during the 1970's and early 80's playing with Stevie Ray Vaughan and people like the three Kings, B. B., Albert and Freddie. He played rhythm guitar behind Freddie King for a while, until King's death in December 1976.

James McMurtry is one artist who has earned his solid singer/songwriter/guitarist reputation. Critics, peers and music aficionados have long praised him as being among the strongest songwriters of his generation. His works, which range from atmospheric ballads to no-holds-barred rockers, are populated by world-weary souls often longing for something different, if no better, than what they're now enduring. Perhaps in part because of his powerful reputation as a lyricist, coupled with his stirring vocal style, McMurtry is often not given his due as a guitarist. Though not one to stoop to flash just for the sake of effect, he can rip forth with a flurry of fat-toned notes when the material demands it. In the next breath, he'll frame a tender composition with poignant lead lines. He tends to travel with half a dozen or so guitars, which offers him a wide palate of tones and tunings from which to choose. (Author LE Brady.)

A link to the bands can be found online at www.downtownboise.org.

In honor of the 20th Anniversary, attendees have the opportunity to sign up for weekly prizes compliments of our generous sponsors. Included is the opportunity to win a New

Belgium Brewing Company Cruiser Bicycle, a River Rafting Trip for Two with Mackay Wilderness River Trips and the Grand Prize a trip for two to Sandals or Beaches. Attendees can sign up each week at Alive After Five for a chance to be placed in the final drawing on September 27th.

Alive After Five is organized by the Downtown Boise Association (DBA) and is a fundraiser for downtown cleaning services, beautification projects and marketing.

The Downtown Boise Association mission is to be the steward for the promotion and operation of downtown Boise as an attractive, safe and vibrant place to work, shop, live and play. Alive After Five is a downtown marquee event that attracts thousands to downtown throughout the summer, which benefits the many restaurants and bars downtown.