

METROjam



Booker T. Jones to headline Metro Jam 2019 on June 15th

MANITOWOC, WI – April 2, 2019 – This summer marks **Metro Jam's** 41st year of bringing national, regional and local music to the Lakeshore area in a **FREE** admission event. Metro Jam is thrilled to announce that Memphis Soul Legend **Booker T. Jones** will be headlining the festival this year, when he and his band take the stage at 8:30pm on **Saturday, June 15, 2019**.

Booker T. Jones is a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award recipient and arguably the most famous Hammond B3 player in history. As leader of the legendary **Booker T. & The MG's**, he was responsible for many hits in the 60's including such classics as "**Green Onions**" and "**Time Is Tight**". This pillar of soul music collaborated with Otis Redding, Albert King, and more during his tenure at Stax Records. He was co-writer of the classic blues staple "Born Under A Bad Sign" with Albert King. Since then, Booker has lent his trademark keyboard chops to and produced classic albums such as Willie Nelson's multi-platinum hit "Stardust" and Bill Withers' "Just As I Am" featuring the hit song "Ain't No Sunshine". Booker T. has also recorded and collaborated with Elton John, Ray Charles, Neil Young, Leon Russell, Stephen Still, The Drive By Truckers, Lou Reed, Sharon Jones and many others. Both Booker T's 2009 solo release "Potato Hole" and his 2011 solo release "The Road From Memphis" won **GRAMMY Awards** for Best Pop Instrumental Album. In 2013 Booker T. released "Sound The Alarm", marking a return to Stax Records after 40 years. We are very excited to have Booker T. Jones grace the MetroStage as his performance will appeal to all ages and be guaranteed bring music lovers from far and wide to Washington Park in Manitowoc.

The 41st Annual **Metro Jam** will be held on the MetroStage in downtown **Manitowoc's Washington Park**, on Friday and Saturday, **June 14 and 15, 2019**. As always, this **FREE** two day event features an array of national, regional and local acts covering a full spectrum of musical styles including jazz, blues, R&B, soul, folk, alt-country, Americana, classic rock and original rock. Metro Jam features 10 different acts over the two days of the festival. Metro Jam is a partnership with The Manitowoc Jaycees. This **FREE concert** is made possible due to support from our presenting sponsors Baileigh Industrial, Cher-Make Sausage and media partners WOMT, WQTC Q-102 and Lake 98.1 along with many additional generous supporters.

Metro Jam is a truly unique music festival that attracts fans from around the state and brings well-known national performers to Manitowoc. The Green Bay Press Gazette has described Metro Jam as "the musical oasis in the busy Wisconsin festival scene." Locally Metro Jam has become the opening celebration to summer on the Lakeshore, offering a chance for friends and families to join together at downtown Manitowoc's beautiful Washington Park to enjoy great live music.

Metro Jam with the help of the Manitowoc Jaycees continues to be able to provide donations back to the community from concession sales at the park over the weekend. Recent recipients have been the Manitowoc K-9 Unit, The Haven, the Domestic Violence Center, Manitowoc Miracle League, along with many other well deserving organizations. Last year donations went to support Backpack Buddies, a new charity that supports the needs of foster children in Manitowoc County, and the Manitowoc Zoo.

Watch for festival updates at www.metrojam.org and visit us for up to the moment news on Facebook!

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