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FIRST FRIDAYS DOWNTOWN SOUTH BEND CELEBRATES BASEBALL, SUNBURST & OUTDOOR CONCERTS FRIDAY, JUNE 4

SOUTH BEND, IN – First Fridays Downtown South Bend will celebrate 150 years of baseball in South Bend starting at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 4, with the arrival of a dozen Silver Hawks players and manager Mark Haley, at Rockne Plaza located on the College Football Hall of Fame campus. Silver Hawks players, team mascot Swoop, and team manager Mark Haley will be available to meet, greet and sign autographs at 12 different business locations throughout downtown. Go online for a listing and map at: www.DtsbFristFridays.com. Downtown Night at the Cove will also be taking place starting at 7:00 p.m. at Coveleski Stadium. Free ticket vouchers for Friday night's game and fireworks show will be available at participating First Friday businesses. While visiting the players make sure to sign-up for a chance to win Silver Hawks prize packages at the following locations: Buffalo Wild Wings, Spark Fine Stationery, Idle Hours Book Shop and The State Café & Catering.

Downtown offerings on Friday, June 4 feature a mix of musicians, concerts, special sales, gallery artist receptions, and Sunburst dinner specials throughout the day and a classic car cruise-in from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. For a complete listing of activities and participating businesses visit www.DtsbFirstFridays.com.

It will be another great night of unique entertainment: First Fridays **Key Bank Concert**, featuring Don Savoie, will be held outdoors on the Key Bank Plaza, corner of Jefferson Blvd. and S. Michigan St., from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. This concert performance is free! **Meet Me on the Island** kicks off its season on Century Center's newly renovated Island Park. Enjoy red hot blues by Kevin Q and the Night Crew with vocalist Venitia Sekema from 5:30 – 10:00 p.m. South Bend Museum of Art and 88.1 WVPE Public Radio members, and children under 12 admitted free. Catch a number of free performances at these venues: **Back Stage Grill, Chicory Café, Fiddler's Hearth, The South Bend Chocolate Café and Tippecanoe Place Restaurant.**

First Fridays is the perfect time to gallery hop: **Urban Lily**, located at 127 W. Washington St., will have a visiting artist open house and art sale starting at 12:00 noon. **Artpost**, 216 W. Madison St., is hosting two exhibits: Key Westhues' series of photographs titled *Well Stories*, and a series of sculptures by Jake Webster entitled *The Train I Ride*. Admission is free. **New Galleries** at 805 and 807 Lincoln Way West will be hosting an opening artist's reception for *Cream & Sugar*, featuring the works of Erin K. Drew, Andrea Fogt and Jill Marie Mason from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments provided. Also on display are works by New Galleries' thirteen gallery artists. **Junk EVOLUTION & Carpenter Gothic**, 528 E. Colfax, Suite 2 in the East Bank Village, is celebrating all "Fathers" during the month of June: Exhibit themes are *Mad for Plaid*, and *Safari*, so come in for a wild and colorful time this Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Fire Arts Inc.**, 305 E. Colfax Ave., is hosting an exhibit opening for *Heads and Tails* 5:00 – 9:00 p.m., featuring works by sculptor Linda Crimson and painter Dave Blodgett. An artists' reception for Linda and Dave will take place from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Join the One Night Only Sale at **Bombay International**, an international mix of clothing, jewelry and items for the home from India and beyond! Located at 119 S. Michigan St.

Le Peep is now open for dinner during First Fridays from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. This month check out the special menu items created just for Sunburst racers or order from their popular menu. Check out the food and beverage specials at the following downtown restaurants: **The Cellar Door**, 211 W.

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Washington St. in the lower level of the Ramada Plaza, **The State Café** at 117 E. Wayne St. and **Backstage Grill** 222 S. Michigan St. and **Tippecanoe Place Restaurant** , 620 W. Washington St., where a pasta buffet, live piano music and mansion tours will be available throughout the evening.

For a complete listing of June 4 First Fridays' participants, event times and locations visit www.DtsbFirstFridays.com or call Downtown South Bend, Inc. at 574.282.1110.

First Fridays Downtown South Bend features over 35 participating businesses and takes place from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the first Friday of every month, with the exception of April. Participating businesses remain open or host special events such as live music, sidewalk cafés, demonstrations, celebrations, receptions and special offerings. Most events are free or at a reduced rate. Future First Friday dates are; July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5 and December 3, 2010. Visit www.DtsbFirstFridays.com for a complete listing of participants, activities and events.

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