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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Ohio's Only Blues & Rib Themed Fest Marks Fifth Year!

CANAL WINCHESTER – The air will be filled with barbecue wood smoke and the timeless beat of live American blues in historic downtown Canal Winchester as a weekend of “smokin’ blues, sizzlin’ hot ribs, and much more” gets underway once again at the 5th annual Blues & Ribfest. Ohio’s only Blues and Rib-themed festival will be held Friday, Aug. 1st from 5-11 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 2nd from Noon to 11 p.m. Admission is free!

Last year, over 33,000 people converged into Canal Winchester to attend this rapidly growing mid-summer outdoor festival. For 2014, festival goers can expect a wide variety of quality food and rib vendors, continuous live blues music (a total of 19 acts performing on two stages), fun children’s activities, fan-cooled dining tents and the popular beer & wine garden. Stage headliners include Chicago’s own Carlise Guy (daughter of living blues legend Buddy Guy) and Oregon’s Cee Cee James who is an original artist in her own right but with a vocal styling that channels Janis Joplin at her “bluesiest” best. On the solo/duo stage, Chicago’s Rip Lee Pryor (son of blues harp master Snooky Pryor) and award-winning West Virginia bluesman Chris Sutton will be in performance.

Destination: Canal Winchester is proud to present the Canal Winchester Blues & Ribfest for the fifth consecutive year. According to Bruce Jarvis, Destination: Canal Winchester’s Executive Director “People in this part of the country can’t seem to get enough BBQ or live blues and we’re pleased to once again be able to bring them together into one single event. The music is sure to be a hit this year as this is the strongest blues line-up we’ve ever assembled. We’re also honored to welcome several rib masters from the national barbeque circuit for the first time. They will be competing fiercely against each other for trophies and bragging rights. And if the ribs aren’t enough, there is a solid roster of over 20 other specialty food vendors, including the famous Schmidt’s Sausage truck, to satisfy almost any taste or budget. We did not overlook the younger kids and we’ve added pony rides to the group of activities in the children’s area. The best part of this deal is that there is no charge for getting in to experience some of the finest live blues and barbecue to be found anywhere at any price.”

The festival benefits the community by attracting visitors and by promoting national, regional & local blues performers. The festival site radiates out from the High and Waterloo Street intersection

(closed to vehicle traffic) in historic downtown Canal Winchester. For GPS/digital mapping users, the address 10 North High Street, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 may be used.

Lawn chairs are recommended due to limited seating. Outside food and beverages are not permitted within festival grounds. Skateboards, bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, other “recreational wheels” are also prohibited. Parking will be available in the areas adjacent to festival grounds with additional handicap parking in designated areas on West Waterloo Street and North High Street.

For more information , visit www.bluesandribfest.com. The schedule of blues entertainment can also be found below.

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Performance Schedule

Friday, Aug.1, 2014			
Main Stage		Stradley Place Stage	
5:30 pm– 7:15pm	Doug Hart Band	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Lews Brothers
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Willie Phoenix	6:15pm – 7:30pm	Noah Shull
9:30pm – 11:00pm	Carlise Guy/The NuBlu Band	7:45pm – 8:45pm	Austin Walkin’ Cane
		9:00pm – 10:30pm	Rip Lee Pryor

Saturday, Aug.2, 2014			
Main Stage		Stradley Place Stage	
Noon – 1:00pm	Steve Riggs Band	Noon – 1:30pm	Ben Bachert & Friends
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Michael Locke & The Repeat Offenders	1:45pm – 3:45pm	Jimmy Rogers
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Jimi Vincent Band	4:00pm – 5:00pm	Alex Poteet
5:15pm – 6:00pm	Tee Dee Young Band	5:15pm – 6:45pm	Dan & Chris Duo
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Ray Fuller & The Bluesrockers	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Luther Trammel
9:30pm – 11:00pm	Cee Cee James	9:00pm – 10:30pm	Chris Sutton

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