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City Announces Kick-Off Full Moon Jam Concert Series

If you are looking to hear great music Bristol is the place to be! We have it all. Live music venues abound throughout the spring, summer and into the fall season in historic downtown. There is something for everyone, whether you are into the mellow sounds of country music artists from the 40's and 50's to cover songs of today's hottest acts coming out of Nashville. Maybe your preference is a whole different sound, like folk music of today or the different bluegrass sounds that are again gaining in popularity among the young of the region. Just maybe the sounds of blues and jazz are more to your liking, whatever it is you can find it here in historic downtown Bristol. A good place to begin might be with the oldest city sponsored concerts in the area. The 16th Annual Full Moon Jam concert series will begin on Thursday, May 2, 2013 with forty-three events scheduled into the early fall. The series is hosted at the Downtown Center, 810 State Street on the infamous country music mural stage. The concerts begin each evening at 7:00 P.M.

The Jam has proven to be a smorgasbord of music offerings, come around often enough and you are bound to experience something you like. "This year we really went after the entire community, offering a little bit of everything. You can't call it a bluegrass event, even though some of the best bluegrass bands in our area are playing the jam," pointed out Darlene Cole, Venues Manager for the city. "You can't call us a country music venue, even though we have some of the hottest regional country bands scheduled to take the stage. You can't call it a blues, jazz or even a folk music event even though all those types of bands will be performing also. That is what I love about our part of the country; this community just appreciates good music. They recognize it, they honor it, whatever form it comes in," Cole continued.

The ever popular tribute series that began at the Downtown Center's mural stage in 2010 and has grown in popularity and spread throughout Tri-Cities area, is drawing 2500 to 3000 people per event requiring one city block to be closed. This year will be no different. The tribute series will be featuring tributes to the music greats such as Heart, Bob Seger, Rod Stewart, Bon Jovi, and Kenny Chesney.

The most amazing secret to all this music is that it is all free for the listening. Bring a chair or have one of ours, bring a blanket and the family, and maybe a picnic basket or purchase great food on site. However you choose to celebrate the heritage of your city, come check out the downtown jam and enjoy it under the stars.

For more detailed information go to www.bristoltn.org/downtowncenterintro.cfm or pick up a schedule that features pictures of the bands and dates they will be playing the jam. The schedule cards may be picked up at Food City Stores on Volunteer Parkway, Virginia Avenue, Bonham Road and Euclid Avenue. The cards are also available at the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, Downtown Center, Viking Hall Civic Center, and Slater Center. The schedule is also available at www.pickbristol.com along with a listing of all the other live music being offered in our area.

If you have any questions or would like for your band to be considered for next year's jam contact Darlene Cole, Venues Manager at 423-764-4171 or e-mail dcollection@bristoltn.org.