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## MUSIC FROM THE ROOFS

**Lansing, MI (May 13, 2009)** – Come out on Saturday for an early taste of the 2009 Old Town BluesFest and Lansing JazzFest. Old Town Business and Art Development Association (OTBADA), the festivals' producer, will be sponsoring a unique float in the Lansing 150 "Parade of Decades" on Saturday, May 16 beginning at 11:30 am.

OTBADA's float will feature the Barons of Brass playing on "the roofs of Old Town" as parade attendants hand out commemorative festival posters and fliers about the upcoming Old Town BluesFest and Lansing JazzFest. Shaheen Chevrolet has donated the truck and Arrowhead Farms of Holt has donated the trailer.

"We wanted our float to capture the charm of Old Town and the message of OTBADA, so we creatively blended the elements of music, historic buildings and art!" says Sharen Lange, festival coordinator.

The JazzFest will take place August 7-8, with the BluesFest following on September 18-19. Both free festivals will take place on the streets of historic Old Town, a perfect setting for the free live music, expansive beverage tent, artisan vendors, culinary treats, unique shopping, local galleries rich with visual arts and the gathering of people energized and inspired by the music.

Presented annually by the non-profit Old Town Business and Art Development Association (OTBADA), these long-standing festivals continue to bring thousands of attendees to Old Town. Last year's BluesFest attracted over 15,000 attendees, a record-breaking number for the event.

The Lansing 150 "Parade of Decades" step-off time is 11:30 am on Saturday, May 16, 2009. The route begins on Michigan Avenue at Pennsylvania. The parade will go west on Michigan Avenue to Capitol Avenue, turn left and go south one block on Capitol Avenue then turn right and proceed west on Allegan past Pine to the Michigan Historical Museum and surrounding parking lots. The parade features over 240 entries and should last approximately 3 to 3.5 hours.

For more information, further details and updates regarding the Lansing JazzFest and Old Town BluesFest, visit [www.oldtownbluesfest.com](http://www.oldtownbluesfest.com) and [www.jazzlansing.com](http://www.jazzlansing.com).

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