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EXCITING NEW ADDITION TO THE OUTDOOR MUSIC SCENE: MI.FUNK 2010

Lansing, MI (April 12, 2010) – The producers of the annual Lansing JazzFest and Old Town BluesFest proudly announce a new addition to the Capital region's outdoor music scene. The first annual Mi.FUNK concert event will be held Saturday, May 22nd, featuring five old-school Michigan funk bands. This fun and high-spirited genre will draw crowds to the corner of Turner Street and Grand River Ave. in the heart of historic Old Town Lansing for ten hours of great live entertainment, dancing and more.

"We've been exploring adding a new music event to the Old Town scene for two years," states Sharen Lange, MICA executive director and event coordinator. "Funk is such a wonderful, creative and up-beat genre, it fit well with the emotional tone of Old Town.

"We are expecting a great turn-out for what we anticipate to be a well-received annual event that can help us to raise funds to support our commitment to community development through quality arts programming."

The **Sun Messengers** are scheduled to open Mi.FUNK with a huge bang. This Detroit-based group is celebrating 25 years of playing funk and is also the official Detroit Pistons band.

Local favorites **Global Village** follow, with funky sounds widely enjoyed throughout Lansing.

Next up in the line-up is **Valerie Barrymore & Foundation of Funk**, a nine-piece band with strong old-school sound and amazing vocals.

At the height of Mi.FUNK, **Nadir** takes the stage. Nominated for the Detroit Music Awards' best urban funk vocalist and best urban funk songwriter, Nadir's show is extraordinary!

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Closing out the Mi.FUNK 2010 is the high-energy, crowd-pleasing **Soul Xpress** of Saginaw. Featuring a great horn section and dynamic lead vocalist, Soul Xpress will keep the dancers moving in Old Town!

This hot new music event will also host local food vendors, an expansive beverage tent with an emphasis on Michigan beer and wine selections, local artisan booths and the unmistakable open and inviting atmosphere of Old Town Lansing.

For complete event details and ticket information, visit www.mifunk.com. Mi.FUNK is a 21 and over show requiring valid picture ID to enter. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the gate.

Mi.FUNK is produced by MICA (Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art), the programming division of 501(c)3 OTBADA, producers of Lansing JazzFest, Old Town BluesFest, Mi.FUNK and additional quality arts programming. For more information, further details and updates, visit www.oldtownarts.org or call 517-371-4600.

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