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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Blues & Ribfest Offers a Sizzlin' Good Time

CANAL WINCHESTER – Everyone is invited to downtown Canal Winchester for a weekend of mouth-watering ribs, smokin' blues and spirited fun at the 2011 Blues & Ribfest. This authentic American street festival will be held Friday, Aug. 5 from 5-11 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 6 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Admission is free!

This year's Blues & Ribfest is expected to be bigger and better than last year's event, which brought more than 20,000 people to downtown Canal Winchester during its first year in the community. Attendees at this year's event can expect more food and rib vendors, expanded children's activities, dedicated dining tents and a 50 percent increase in the size of the beer garden.

According to Bruce Jarvis, executive director of Main Street Canal Winchester and lead organizer of the Canal Winchester Blues & Ribfest, "We've expanded the footprint of this year's Blues & Ribfest to allow for more food, fun and relaxing. These changes should reduce lines at our rib and other vendors, offer more convenient dining spaces, and provide a better space for children and adult activities."

South High Street between Waterloo and Columbus Streets will close for this popular celebration, allowing thousands of guests to enjoy live blues from two stages as they savor sizzlin' ribs and other food options. In addition to a catalogue packed with local and regional blues artists, the event will feature locally made arts and crafts, children's activities and a 21-and-over beer garden.

Canal Winchester is happy to host the Blues & Ribfest for the second consecutive year. The festival benefits the community by promoting regional musicians and local artists and craftspeople.

Blankets and chairs are recommended due to limited seating. Outside food or beverages are not permitted. Skateboards, bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, other "recreational wheels" and pets should be left at home. Parking will be available in the areas adjacent to festival grounds.

For a list of vendors, sponsorship opportunities directions and more visit www.bluesandribfest.com. The schedule of blues entertainment can be found below.

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Performance Schedule

Friday, Aug. 5, 2011			
Main Stage		Stradley Place Stage	
5 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Rob Thompson	5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Ben Bachert
7 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Shaun Booker	7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Witherspoon – Hart Duo
9 p.m. – 11 p.m.	Ray Fuller & the Bluesrockers	8:45 p.m. – 10:15 p.m.	Austin “Walkin’ Cane”

Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011			
Main Stage		Stradley Place Stage	
11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Jimmy Adler Blues Band	12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Gothard – Riggs Blues Trio
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Michael Locke & The Repeat Offenders	1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Izzy & Chris
3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Long Tall Deb & The Drifter Kings	3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Frank Harrison
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Jimi Vincent Band	5:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Eric Henry & Miss Lissa
8:30 p.m. – 10:45 p.m.	Nerak Roth Patterson	7 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Damian Knapp
		8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	Front Porch Revival

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