

SummerFest to offer music lovers variety

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Music lovers will find lots of variety during Syracuse SummerFest. The music starts with the John Kirkwood Band performing at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 7, at Lakeside Park. This concert is part of the Park Rhythms concert.

So bring a lawn chair or blankets and make arrangements to meet your friends. As for dinner, the Sleepy Owl will have that covered. The local favorite will be serving sandwiches and drinks during the concert.

The John Kirkwood Band wants its audience on its feet and dancing. Kirkwood's style of intimate, personal attention singing gets everyone involved in the show.

Kirkwood's energy is contagious and with a combination of explosive players backing him up, the band makes for an electric and fun evening.

The John Kirkwood Band musicians are well read and top notch with years of playing experience they are guaranteed to bring the house down.

Expect lots of rock-'n-roll, rhythm and blues, funk, disco and oldies to current hits to be on The John Kirkwood play list.

The music continues Saturday afternoon, July 9, when Big Daddy Dupree and The Broke and Hungry Blues Band takes the stage at 2 p.m. This local favorite out of Leesburg recently played at Milford Fest and at Tippecanoe Country Club.

Band members are Gregg Carpenter on drums; Donn May on guitar; Cody Robinson on guitar; Tom Hoffarth on harmonica; Bernie Wilson on trombone; John Larson on trumpet; Scott Campbell on rhythm guitar; and vocals and Big Daddy Dupree on bass.

Like most bands two guys, Campbell and Kornfeind got to talking and discovered they had the love of the Blues in common. Campbell had played in several bands in the '70s and '80s and walked away from his guitar for almost 20 years. Kornfeind, who was and is a huge Blues fan always had the desire and passion to play the bass. In 2006 his girlfriend (now wife)



HEADLINING AT SUMMERFEST — Big Daddy Dupree and The Broke and Hungry Blues Band will kick off the musical offerings at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 9. The concert is part of Syracuse SummerFest, which will be held July 7-9. (Photo by Julie Kornfeind)

Julie encouraged him to sign up for lessons.

At the tender age of 41 he picked up a bass for the first time. In Early 2009 Campbell

and Kornfeind got together and started jamming in the basement. Slowly they started putting together a few songs. Just like most bands, they added a drummer, another guitarist, a harp player and played their first live gig in June of 2009 at Tippecanoe Lake Country Club.

In 2010 their drummer moved away so they found a brilliant time keeper in Carpenter. They also added the horns that year and the magic was starting to evolve. In 2011 they added a second guitar player, the legendary rock guitarist, May and an exciting new harmonica player, Hoffarth. Now they are a tight eight piece unit that just

wants to entertain and play the Blues.

The Band's interests are playing festivals and for private events.

Musical influences for the band include Eric Clapton, BB King, Muddy Waters, Joe Bonomassa, George Thorogood, Paul Butterfield, Buddy Guy, Little Walter, Ronnie Brooks, Lonnie Brooks, ZZ Top and Stevie Ray Vaughn.

At press time, the line-up for performers after Big Daddy Dupree, was still being worked on.

Lakeside Fitness will host an outdoor concert in its garden area featuring the band, Remedy. The concert will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 8.

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