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Lineup Announced for 30th Anniversary Battery Park Free Concert Series

Burlington, VT (June 16, 2011): Independent Radio The Point and Burlington City Arts are proud to present the 2011 Burlington City Arts Free Concert Series, sponsored by Heritage Auto Group, Eyes of the World, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont, and Project Graphics, with media sponsorship by Seven Days Newspaper.

Thursdays in July starting July 7th, Battery Park will come alive with the music of national and local stars visitors of all ages will enjoy! All concerts are free and open to the public, beginning each week on Thursday at 6:30pm.

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of Burlington City Arts, and the Battery Park Concert Series, which was one of BCA's very first efforts in 1981.

This summer's lineup features:

July 7 - Joshua Panda - www.joshuapanda.com

Joshua Panda, a twenty-five year-old singer/songwriter from Charlotte, North Carolina, is an exceptional combination of country and soul: George Jones and Otis Redding, and has traveled to Vermont with this unique sound. Joshua grew up in Huntersville, NC where at age three he started singing gospel music at Rockwell Baptist Church. From the church, he adopted the gospel hand wave, the rhythm, the wailing, and most importantly the embodiment of spirit. Ever since those early days in the choir, Joshua has oozed with uncontainable emotion and passion. Integrating such soulful energy into his original

pieces, Joshua has captured a spirit in his performance, which encompasses both the flailing of a fervent preacher and the intimacy of your best friend telling a story. He is joined some of the area's most prominent musicians to create an evening of soulful song-smithing - the perfect soundtrack to summer in Vermont!

July 14 - Barika - www.myspace.com/barikaensemble

Barika is deep groove music, inspired by the sounds from the Wassoulou region of Mali - an area whose music is often defined by the familiar tones of the The Kamel N'Goni - a pentatonic, African harp. The music is a mesmerizing blend of danceable poly-rhythmic grooves mixed with ethereal dub-scape - truly intended to fuel a warm weather dance party! The ensemble consists of drums (Caleb Bronze), Bass,(Jp Candelier) Keys (Andric Severence) ,Kamel N'goni (Craig Myers),Trumpet (Dave Purcell, Trombone (Gordon Clark) Tenor Sax (Deva Racusin) in addition to a rotating cast of very special guests from Vermont and beyond! Check out the recent live recording aired on WRUV's live music program, Exposure: www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8qoBfjpdnI

July 21st - Scars On 45 - www.myspace.com/scarson45

Scars on 45 is a quintet from Leeds, England, that combines the gentle melodic intensity of Snow Patrol or Keane with the added allure of co-ed vocals. The band's name comes from an interview with Emmylou Harris taken from a radio interview in which she recalled her father telling her as a young girl that she better not get any "scars on his 45s" as she played them.

July 28th - Saints of Valory - www.myspace.com/saintsofvalory

Based in Austin Texas, Saints of Valory come with quite the international flair. Front man Gavin Jasper is Brazilian, guitarist Godfrey Thomson is American, on drums Gerard Bouvier is from France, & keyboardist Stephen Buckle hails from Canada. With roots in

classical and film scoring, Jazz, Latin and Rock N Roll, Saints of Valory create an interesting fusion of rock and pop.

As one of the very first efforts from Burlington City Arts in 1981, the Free Concert Series has become a tradition in Burlington's Battery Park for young and old, residents and visitors. Concerts take place at the height of Lake Champlain's summer and feature national and local musicians. Local food and drink vendors will be present at each concert, offering their wares. Please note that alcohol and glass containers are prohibited in the park.

The Battery Park Free Concert Series an important part of Burlington City Arts, which is dedicated to the promotion of excellence, experimentation, and education in all forms of contemporary art. For more information about gallery exhibitions, special events, classes and workshops, please call 802.865.7166 or visit BURLINGTONCITYARTS.ORG.

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