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THE ARTS LEAGUE OF MICHIGAN LAUNCHES 'PARADISE IN THE CITY' EVENTS IN BEATRICE BUCK PARK

Detroit, MI -- The City Council of Detroit has awarded the Arts League of Michigan (ALM) and the Jazz Network Foundation, permission to produce activities in the Beatrice Buck Park (formerly Harmonie Park)-the centerpiece of the Paradise Valley Cultural and Entertainment District. The park is located directly across from the League's home, the Virgil H. Carr Cultural Arts Center at 311 East Grand River.

Under the theme of '**Paradise In The City,**' the summer activities will feature live events every **Wednesday and Friday, from July 14 through August 27,** plus a wide variety of continuous recorded music that can be heard on the park speakers on the other weekdays. That feature provides a most unique atmosphere for park visitors and passersby.

On **Wednesdays** it's the "**LUNCHTIME IN PARADISE**" presentations by **Springfed Arts,** from noon to 1:30 p.m. Focusing on the art of writing, the presentations will present a series of local poets, songwriters and other artists of the written/spoken word, who will perform.

The **Friday** sessions, '**AFTER 5 IN PARADISE,**' will begin at 5:01 p.m. and treat the public to live entertainment...lots of music including soul, gospel, jazz, latin, Caribbean, Techno and more...and spotlighting some of the best and most well-known local established performers and outstanding emerging talents. The debut performance features songstress, **Thornetta Davis and Company.**

All of the events are free and open to the public.

Collectively, the live events and recorded music have been designed to attract the public to the recently refurbished park, the eclectic variety of Paradise Valley district businesses, and the art and culture housed in the Carr Center. The environment also lends itself to enticing Detroit area residents and tourists alike, to explore opportunities for lodging, dining, socializing and more in support of the continued efforts to revitalize the historic area.

For more information about Carr Center programs, call 313-965-8430.

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