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WHEELING ORGANIZATION PREPARES **FOR WINE & JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Wheeling, WV – The 5th Annual Wheeling Wine & Jazz Festival is set for Saturday, August 25, 2012, from 4 p.m.–10 p.m. at Heritage Port. For the first time, Downtown Wheeling, Inc. is managing the festival, which was started by the City of Wheeling in 2008. Main Street Bank is the title sponsor of this year's event.

As in years past, the Wine & Jazz Festival will feature West Virginia wineries offering samples of various wines while attendees enjoy the smooth sounds of jazz music throughout the evening.

Seven West Virginia wineries have reserved space at the fifth annual festival, including:

- + Vu ja de Vineyards of Spencer
- + West-Whitehill Winery of Moorefield
- + Cascarelli's Old Country Wines of Salem
- + Kirkwood Winery of Summersville
- + Watts Roost Vineyard of Lewisburg
- + Kenco Farms Meadery of Sutton
- + Wine Tree Vineyards of Vienna

Good Mansion Wines, located in Wheeling, will also offer fine wine tastings at the event. Starting at 5 p.m., staff members will serve samples of different wines from around the world. This will act as a preview for the shop's Wines of the World Fall 2012 happy hour tasting schedule (http://www.goodmansionwines.com/wines_of_the_world.html). On Saturday, Good Mansion is featuring a different country each hour, per the following schedule:

- + 5 p.m. – German Reislings
- + 6 p.m. – Spanish Reds
- + 7 p.m. – Italian Reds
- + 8 p.m. – French Reds & Whites
- + 9 p.m. – New World Reds & Whites

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Four bands will entertain the crowd at the Wine & Jazz Festival, including the Chris Barrick Group, Olga Watkins Band, Travis Hoard Ensemble, and Benny Benack Band featuring Benny Benack III.

Tickets are \$15 per person. The price of admission grants access to six hours of wine tasting and exciting jazz music, along with a complimentary wine glass and corkscrew. The following food vendors will also be on site at the event – Ye Olde Alpha, Rollin’ Smoke, and Ideal Provisions, which will have a free cheese tasting and fondue station from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

The event has seen a steady increase in attendance since it started in 2008, and Downtown Wheeling, Inc. expects that trend to continue. Event Chairman Greg Smith is a member of Downtown Wheeling, Inc. – a volunteer organization dedicated to the advancement, preservation, and revitalization of the Downtown Wheeling area. Other initiatives of the group include the pier painting projects and First Fridays.

For more information on the Wine & Jazz Festival, call (304) 234-3617, or follow the page on Facebook (facebook.com/WineandJazz).

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