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**THE SUGAR THIEVES RETURN TO *JAZZ ON THE GREEN* AT  
MIDTOWN CROSSING**

***Back for a Second Year, The Sugar Thieves Perform July 28***

**OMAHA, NEBRASKA – July 15, 2011** – The Sugar Thieves bring their sultry blues sound back to Omaha on Thursday, July 28 for Omaha Performing Arts' free summer series *Jazz on the Green* at Midtown Crossing. The blues and Americana group will perform in Turner Park at Midtown Crossing, 31st and Dodge streets, at 7:00 p.m. The venue opens at 5:00 p.m.

Phoenix-based The Sugar Thieves bring back their sultry blues roots and powerhouse delta blues sound for a second year in a row for *Jazz on the Green* at Midtown Crossing. The group's fresh, new style and high-energy showmanship has won them the Phoenix Blues Society's "Arizona Blues Showdown" in 2008 and 2009. They have also been voted one of the top ten unsigned blues bands in the world at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tenn.

Lead singer Meridith Moore hails from Omaha and now resides in the Phoenix Valley. She moved to the desert to pursue an education at Arizona State University, as well as a music career. In 2006, Moore played, recorded and wrote music with Gin Blossoms guitarist Scotty Johnson. Then, in 2007, she met local blues guitarist Mikel Lander and together they started an acoustic duo project which evolved and grew nearly overnight into The Sugar Thieves.

The singular vision that drives this band is their struggle to reintroduce what some call a dying genre, blues music, to younger generations and those that have simply forgotten. The result is unlike anything ever heard before.

The Sugar Thieves perform all across the U.S. and have shared the stage with major acts such as B.B. King, Susan Tedeschi, Blues Traveler, The Wailers, Pine Top Perkins and Tommy Castro, to name a few. They have performed at major festivals, such as the Telluride Blues and Brews Festival in Colorado, the McDowell Mountain Music Festival in Arizona, the Riverside Blues Festival in St. Mary's, Ohio and many more.

Members of The Sugar Thieves include: Mikel Lander (guitar/vocals), Meridith Moore (lead vocals), Dave Libman (drums), Shea Marshall (saxophone/keyboard) and Jeff Naylor (bass).

All concerts for Omaha Performing Arts Presents *Jazz on the Green* at Midtown Crossing are free to the public. No reservations or tickets are needed. The venue opens at 5:00 p.m. and performances start at 7:00 p.m.

The balance of this year's *Jazz on the Green* at Midtown Crossing series includes:

- Thursday, August 4: **Steve Raybine** (*Smooth jazz and urban funk melodies*)

- Thursday, August 11: **Steve Lucky and The Rhumba Bums featuring Miss Carmen Getit** (*Boogie woogie swing*)

Midtown Crossing offers convenient and secure parking for more than 3,000 vehicles. Two parking garages are easily accessible from 33rd, Farnam and Harney streets. In both garages, the first three hours are free and visitors pay only \$1 for each hour thereafter (with a maximum daily fee of \$6). Ample metered parking is available along Farnam Street. Metered parking is short-term (max. two hours) and is monitored Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. \$5 Valet parking is also available at Farnam Court from 5:00 p.m. to close. Midtown Crossing will be offering a free event shuttle throughout the evening, beginning at 5:00 p.m. For more information on parking and shuttle services, please visit [www.MidtownCrossing.com](http://www.MidtownCrossing.com).

Sponsors for Omaha Performing Arts Presents *Jazz on the Green* at Midtown Crossing are Mutual of Omaha, Omaha Steaks, Alegent Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska, C&A Industries, Inc., Fran and Rick Juro and Mutual of Omaha Bank. Media sponsors for this year's series are Omaha World-Herald, KETV, NET, KIOS and Curzon Promotional Graphics. In-kind sponsorship is provided by Crystal Clear Water and Ink Tank Merch. For more information on *Jazz on the Green* at Midtown Crossing, visit [www.JazzOnTheGreenOmaha.com](http://www.JazzOnTheGreenOmaha.com).

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Omaha Performing Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing world-class performances to the Omaha metropolitan area. Omaha Performing Arts' commitment to the arts extends into its own series, Omaha Performing Arts *Presents*, as well as education and community involvement programs that help ensure the arts have a far-reaching impact. In partnership with Broadway Across America, Omaha Performing Arts also brings the finest in touring Broadway productions to Omaha.

Core to its mission, Omaha Performing Arts manages two landmark venues, the Holland Performing Arts Center and the Orpheum Theater – the former, which includes the acoustically acclaimed Kiewit Concert Hall and Scott Recital Hall and the latter, which includes Slosburg Hall, a proscenium theater. Omaha Performing Arts also provides comprehensive ticketing services for cultural and performing arts within the region through Ticket Omaha.

Omaha Performing Arts' performances are supported in part by the Nebraska Arts Council, Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, National Endowment for the Arts, the City of Omaha and the Douglas County Visitor Improvement Fund. For more information on Omaha Performing Arts visit [OmahaPerformingArts.org](http://OmahaPerformingArts.org).

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Midtown Crossing is urban living redefined, the fastest-selling condominium community in Omaha history and one of ten projects around the world praised for embodying "the synergy of public/private partnerships" (Urban Land Magazine, 2010).

Spanning 15.5 acres in the heart of historic midtown Omaha, Midtown Crossing boasts 225,000-square-feet of unsurpassed dining, diversion and retail as well as nearly 500 condominium and apartment units, ample parking and green space.

For more information about Midtown Crossing, including the latest on residential and retail offerings, events and development amenities, please visit our newly-designed web site, [www.midtowncrossing.com](http://www.midtowncrossing.com) or contact Molly Skold at (402) 598-9676 or [Molly.Skold@mutualofomaha.com](mailto:Molly.Skold@mutualofomaha.com).

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