



## CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

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Media Release

### Imagine Hagerstown Line-Up Announced

*June promises to be jumpin'!*

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The City of Hagerstown is excited to announce the line-up for Imagine Hagerstown, its new arts and music infused event taking place in June. Bands, dance, spoken word, circus arts, storytelling, acoustic music, magic, and visual arts will fill the Cultural Trail, University Plaza, and The Maryland Theatre, packing four weekends full of diversely dynamic downtown entertainment certain to ensure that Imagine Hagerstown lives up to its name!

Dancing shoes will be required as four high energy bands hit the stage at University Plaza each Friday night. On June 7, The Get Right Band, an up and coming trio from Asheville, NC with ties to nearby Middletown, MD, kick off the whole event with their brand of “hip-shaking, earthquaking, pure funk fun”. On June 14, The Muddy Crows, twice voted DC’s “Best Original Local Band”, will rock the plaza following a not-to-be-missed dance demo courtesy of Hagerstown’s own Fresh Academicz Breakdance and Hip Hop Academy. On June 21, the East Coast’s Original ‘80’s Tribute Band, The Reagan Years will have you singing and dancing to the biggest hits of the MTV era. And on June 28, Black Masala, a genre blending, unorthodox, wild and unpredictable New Orleans-flavored group from the nation’s capital will funk up the joint on the heels of a family-friendly hip hop experience that only Hagerstown’s Spence4Hire can deliver. All performances are free. The Friday night parties go from 6-9pm. Local beer and wine, along with a variety of food will be available for purchase.

On Saturday afternoons from 12-5pm, the Cultural Trail (between Antietam and Lee Streets) plays host to a variety of eclectic art experiences. June 8’s schedule features Jensuya Belly Dance, singer-songwriter Kevin Neidig, poets Tekesha Martinez and Ryan Michael Rhone, photographer Monika Wertman, and Janeliasoul, a Baltimore-based Afrobeat band. On June 15, the line-up is highlighted by Mark Lohr and the Lohr Family Follies circus show, Native American flutist Stephen Darnell, the Maryland Symphony Brass, storytellers Adam Booth and Fanny Crawford, and dance instructor Sandra Oblitas of the Kasandra Cultural Center teaching salsa and merengue so audience members can dance to Latin band Orquesta Nfuzion. On June 22, magician Brian Wendell Morton presents his “School for Swindlers”. Paul Beard, Ron Webb, Butch Moser, and Jeff Taulton—the acoustic quartet PBQ—perform a wide-ranging mix of live music. Enjoy poetry by Gingerbread Man, interactive painting by HeARTworks, and the bluegrass stylings of the Pennsylvania group Serene Green. On June 29, the day’s entertainment

includes Michael DeLalla, an exquisite classical and world music guitarist; Wilson College MFA program dancers performing pop-up improvs; photographer Monika Wertman returns with turn-of-the-century camera fun; an open mic for poets, singers, and rappers; and 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Billie Holiday Vocal Competition winner Karensa Gray and KGJazz close the festival. All events on the Cultural Trail are free. A variety of food will be available for sale.

Imagine Hagerstown also presents “Best of the Hub City”, a ticketed performance at The Maryland Theatre showcasing Hagerstown’s top homegrown talent on Saturday, June 15 at 7:30pm. Featured performers are: The Derailleurs, a high-flying quintet playing hot jazz from the ‘30’s and ‘40’s, led by Hagerstown native Trent Renshaw; Lykoh, the City’s own multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter, and producer who is currently making his mark on the Alternative Pop/Contemporary R & B scene; classical guitarist Candice Mowbray, a highly sought-after regular as a soloist and chamber musician, and accomplished jazz/rock guitarist Danny Webber; poet/activist Tekesha Martinez, speaking truth with her powerful words and delivery; and choreographer Danielle Horochowski, mesmerizing audiences with her graceful contemporary ballet. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 door, and available at [www.mdtheatre.org](http://www.mdtheatre.org).

For more information and a detailed schedule, visit [www.imaginehagerstown.org](http://www.imaginehagerstown.org), or phone 301-739-8577, ext. 116.