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**LINE-UP ALERT**

**15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CITIES 97 BASILICA BLOCK PARTY**

Presented by Michelob Golden Light Draft

- WHEN:** **Friday, July 10** and **Saturday, July 11**, 2009 from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. each night.  
New this year: **Sunday, July 12** from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** **The Basilica of Saint Mary** grounds, Hennepin Avenue at 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Downtown Minneapolis, Minn.
- ENTERTAINMENT:** Ten great national acts and two up-and-coming local acts will take to the stages at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Cities 97 Basilica Block Party.
- FRIDAY, JULY 10:** **The Black Crowes, The Jayhawks, Matt Kearney**
- SATURDAY, JULY 11:** **Counting Crows, The Hold Steady, Matt Nathanson**
- SUNDAY, JULY 12:** **Rince na Chroi Irish Dancers, The Basilica Cathedral Choir, Richard Lopez**

*Additional artists for Friday, Saturday and Sunday TBA at [www.basilicablockparty.org](http://www.basilicablockparty.org)*

The Cities 97 Basilica Block Party will continue its tradition of showcasing up-and-coming local music talent with its "Battle of the Bands" contest to determine the two local acts that will kick-off the festivities each night. Contest dates and locations will be announced in May.

- TICKETS:** Tickets for the 2009 Cities 97 Basilica Block Party will go on sale Friday, April 24. Single-night tickets are \$35 and two-night passes are \$60 through June 30. After June 30 and at the door, tickets will be \$40 for one night and \$70 for two nights. Tickets are available thru [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), 800 745-3000, and in-person at all Ticket Center locations.

**ABOUT THE BASILICA  
BLOCK PARTY:**

The Basilica Block Party began in 1995 as a fund-raiser to pay for the \$9.5 million structural restoration of the Basilica of Saint Mary, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Proceeds from the event will fund the continued renovation of the Basilica. Five percent of proceeds have been designated for the St. Vincent de Paul outreach program to serve those in need. The program provides food and shelter to nearly 3,500 people a month, as well as shoes and transportation assistance to 250 people every week.

The goal of the Basilica Block Party is to promote the spirit of volunteerism and community. More than 25,000 people gather annually in the presence of the historic Basilica of Saint Mary and surrounding blocks to celebrate good food, great music and summer fun.

For more information visit [www.basilicablockparty.org](http://www.basilicablockparty.org).

