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Irving Main Street Event Celebrates Community and Art Sept. 19 to 20, 2014

(IRVING, TEXAS) — The City of Irving's Parks and Recreation Department will once again host the Irving Main Street Event, an annual festival aimed at celebrating Irving's hometown feel. The free, two-day party will feature live music, food, activities for kids, a car show and more, all in Irving's downtown Heritage District.

The fun begins from 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 19, with an early opening of the Kids' Fun Zone, featuring a giant zipline, a slide, video game truck and more. Music will fill the air with two bands scheduled to take center stage:

- 6:30 to 8 p.m.: Fingerprints, a Dallas-Fort Worth smooth jazz favorite.
- 8:30 to 10 p.m.: Matchmaker Band, a 10-piece Austin show band specializing in Motown, Funk, Soul and Dance Music.
- All Night: Meet and Greet with DJs from K Soul 94.5, one of Dallas' best old school R&B stations.

The celebration continues from noon to 8 p.m. Sept. 20 with more music and entertainment, including the Manifolds on Main Street Car Show, an annual tradition. Custom and classic cars from the 1900s to the present will line the street as great oldies music plays in the car area, thanks to 98.7 KLUV. The car show will be held from noon to 4 p.m.

Joining the car show will be the extended Kids' Fun Zone, featuring pony rides, face painting, an interactive crafts pavilion and other great attractions. The event also will celebrate the arts in Irving, with a Children's Stage featuring performances throughout the day and an art exhibit, called Attitude of Gratitude, showcasing Irving's talented young artists.

Four musical acts will provide the background sounds for the event:

- 12:30 to 2 p.m.: The Vintage Vibes, playing an array of favorite songs from the late 1940's, 1950's and early 1960s.
- 2:30 to 4 p.m.: The Royal Rhythmaires, playing the sounds of roots Rhythm and Blues from the 1940s and 1950s.
- 4:30 to 6 p.m. Charla Corn will fill the true Texas country music to the Heritage District

• 6:30 to 9 p.m.: <u>Jon Christopher Davis & Lone Star Attitude</u> will bring the best of Texas Rock, Country and Blues to the heart of Irving.

"Irving's Main Street Event is the city's signature family affair," said Special Events Supervisor Jacqueline Madden. "The event is really a celebration of families and of our community, not just here in Irving but across North Texas. We invite anyone from the Metroplex to spend part of their weekend in Irving and celebrate with us."

Irving Main Street Event will run along Main Street, from Irving Boulevard to Third Street, and along Second Street, from Hastings Boulevard to Delaware Road. More information on parking, sponsorships, vendors or the art exhibit can be found at irvingevents.org. For information on the Manifolds on Main Street Car Show, visit frittscarshows.com.

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About the City of Irving

Irving is the second city in the nation and the first in the State of Texas to receive the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (2012) as well as the first municipality in Texas' history to receive the Texas Award for Performance Excellence (2011). Irving is the 13th largest city in the state with 227,000 residents and is home to the largest office park in North Texas, where more than 10 percent of Fortune 500 companies are headquartered or have a significant presence.