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Mariachi Flor de Toloache to headline Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series opener, June 16

The countdown to an unforgettable season of free, weekly open-air concerts is underway! The Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series opens Thursday, June 16, with an impressive lineup of performers and activities beginning at 6 p.m. on the John Michael Kohler Arts Center Festival Green at the corner of Seventh Street and Wisconsin Avenue.

Headlining the show is the Grammy-nominated, all-female Mariachi Flor de Toloache from New York City. Group members originally hail from around the globe. The result of this cultural coalescence is an edgy, versatile and fresh take on traditional Mexican music with a mixture of traditional and modern mariachi music.

Their critically acclaimed self-titled debut album received a Latin Grammy nomination for Best Ranchera Album of 2015. The band's live performances have been praised by *Rolling Stone*, *Billboard Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *GQ Magazine* and *The New York Times*. They have also been featured on NPR's "Tiny Desk Concert" and have appeared on the *Late Show with Stephen Colbert*. The group has recently been performing as an opener for The Arcs on a West Coast tour, including an appearance at the Coachella Festival.

The evening starts with a launch party featuring Tim Dolfen of On Cue Mobile DJ Service spinning pop tunes with Kidd Nems. Sheboygan North High School Drumline will add to the entertainment. Information about this and other concerts in the series is available at concerts.levittamp.org/sheboygan or at the Arts Center (608 New York Ave.).

Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs as seating is not provided. Food trucks and a cash bar will be on site. No alcoholic carry-ins allowed.

The Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series is supported in part by the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation, a private family foundation that empowers towns and cities across American to transform neglected public spaces into thriving destinations through the power of free, live music. Learn more at levitt.org. Presenting partners are the City of Sheboygan and Sheboygan Squared. Major support was provided by ACUITY, Travel Wisconsin, The Sheboygan Press, Sargento, HSA Bank, Lakeland College, The Point (Midwest Communications) and Sheboygan County Tourism.

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Catch Mariachi Flor de Toloache at the free Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series concert, Thursday, June 16, at 6 p.m. at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center on the Festival Green. Photo: Andrei Averbuch.

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Looking to the future, the Arts Center continues to generate new explorations in the arts that foster creative exchanges between an international community of artists and a diverse public, making real the power of the arts to transform lives and strengthen communities. The John Michael Kohler Arts Center is supported by corporate and foundation donors, government grants, and its many members. The Arts Center is not an entity of Kohler Co. or its subsidiaries. More information about the Arts Center can be found at jmkac.org.

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