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Pop/rock sister trio Joseph to headline June 23 Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series. Photo courtesy of the artists.

Joseph Launches Free Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series, Thursday, June 23 on City Green

The return of the Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series to the City Green on Thursday, June 23, will be headlined by the Oregon-based sister trio Joseph, with the five-piece rock band Desmond Jones opening the show at 6 p.m.

After a two-year hiatus, this Sheboygan music tradition is back for a full summer of free concerts. The series, presented by the John Michael Kohler Arts Center, brings the whole community together for an impressive, genre-spanning lineup of live performances. Concerts are accompanied by a lineup of food trucks and activity booths.

"We have a great lineup of bands for folks to enjoy for free all summer long. It starts with pop/rock band Joseph, whose songs careen and sprawl, and often soar," says Angela Ramey Arts Center performing arts program director.

Joseph first made a splash in 2016 with their song "White Flag" topping Billboard's Adult Alternative Songs chart. The album it came from, *I'm Alone, No You're Not*, hit the top ten of both the alternative and rock charts.

Country Central Time said of Joseph, "There is a lot to be said for family bands. Beyond the singing, there's a certain camaraderie and palpable comfort level, such as in interacting with the crowd. Ultimately, of course, the music must carry the day, and on that score, Joseph filled the bill."

Show opener Desmond Jones, hailing from Michigan, performs original music centered on melodic guitar riffs, funky bass lines, groovy drumbeats, and smooth saxophone.

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. Sheboygan's City Green is located downtown at the intersection of New York Avenue and Seventh Street.

Information about this and the ten other concerts in the series is available at jmkac.org, by calling (920) 458-6144 or by visiting the Arts Center at 608 New York Ave. in Sheboygan.

The Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series is presented by the John Michael Kohler Arts Center in partnership with the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation and presenting sponsors Acuity, Sargento, Bank First, and Lake 98.1, and funded with support from Pride Hospitality, City of Sheboygan, Meijer, Rogers Behavioral Health, Van Horn Automotive, UnitedOne Credit Union, Mental Health America, Festival Foods, and 104.5 The Point.

The Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation partners with towns and cities across America to activate underused public spaces through the power of free live music, creating welcoming, inclusive destinations. Presenting a broad array of music genres and cultural programming, Levitt venues and concert sites are community anchors where families, friends and neighbors of all ages and backgrounds come together. Learn more at www.levitt.org.

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ABOUT THE JOHN MICHAEL KOHLER ARTS CENTER

The <u>John Michael Kohler Arts Center</u> (JMKAC), located north of Milwaukee in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, is known for promoting the understanding and appreciation of the work of self-taught and contemporary artists through exhibitions and commissioned works of art. Founded in 1967, JMKAC has preserved, studied, and exhibited artist-built environments, earning a worldwide reputation. Art environments involve an individual significantly transforming their surroundings into an exceptional, multifaceted work of art.

The Arts Center's downtown Sheboygan facility includes eight galleries, two performance spaces, a café, a museum shop, and a drop-in art-making studio. Among its program offerings are community arts projects; artist residencies; presentations of dance, film, and music; a free weekly summer concert series; classes and workshops; an onsite arts-based preschool; and approximately twelve original exhibitions of the work of self-taught and contemporary artists annually. JMKAC also administers the renowned Arts/Industry residency program, which is hosted by Kohler Co.

ABOUT THE ART PRESERVE

In 2021, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center opened the <u>Art Preserve</u>, the world's first museum to focus entirely on work from art environments. Located three miles from JMKAC, the 56,000-sq.-ft., three-level building holds more than 25,000 works in the Arts Center's world-renowned collection, which includes complete and partial

environments by more than 30 vernacular, self-taught, and academically-trained artists. Visitors experience unprecedented access and insight into the display, preservation, conservation, and interpretation of the Arts Center's premier collection through tableaux as well as a unique system of curated, visible storage of the works of art.

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center (608 New York Avenue) and the Art Preserve (3636 Lower Falls Road) are located in Sheboygan, WI.

Admission is always free.

For information, call (920) 458-6144, or visit <u>imkac.org</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, or <u>Instagram</u>.