

Last Fling to Host Buddy Guy Labor Day Weekend

NAPERVILLE, Ill. – June 22, 2010 – The Naperville Jaycees are proud to announce Buddy Guy will perform at 8p.m. on the Rotary Hill Main Stage at the Last Fling, Fri., Sept. 3 this Labor Day weekend.



“When people think of blues – they think of Buddy Guy,” said Mike Kreger, Last Fling co-executive director. “We’re thrilled to have such an influential legend with a colossal musical resume and hard-earned accolades.”



A pioneer of Chicago’s electric blues and a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Buddy Guy has received five Grammy Awards, the Presidential National Medal of Arts Award and 23 W.C. Handy Blues Awards — the most any artist has received. Despite his long list of achievements, Buddy Guy and his music remain as vital as ever.

“When I first came to Chicago,” says Guy, “most musicians were still sitting down in front of music stands – even if they couldn’t read music, they did it just to look more serious. If I don’t go off the stage, people ask if I’m feeling alright!”

In May, at the age of 73, Buddy Guy received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Blues Foundation and was recognized as a mentor and inspiration to five generations of musicians while continuing to innovate. Without pause, Buddy Guy’s Legends opened at end of May at a new location – 700 S. Wabash in Chicago’s South Loop – and June will serve as a month-long grand opening celebration.

Starting the show at 6p.m., Moreland & Arbuckle are traditionalists and innovators at the same time, merging old school Chicago and Delta blues with garage rock sensibilities.

For more information on the Last Fling’s weekend events, concert tickets, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities visit our website at www.LastFling.org.

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About Last Fling

The Last Fling is the Naperville Jaycees' major fundraising event of the year. Each year, they host the city's annual Labor Day festival, a wholesome, family event, with the entire community participating. More than 300,000 patrons visit over the 4-day event, which is held along Naperville's Riverwalk area. Starting Friday afternoon and running through Monday evening, there are special events, carnival rides and attractions, a children's playland, food and beverage vendors, a business expo and concerts on two stages each evening. The Labor Day parade is also part of the festivities. Hotel packages and free shuttle service will also be available.

About Naperville Jaycees

The Naperville Jaycees is a nonprofit service organization with more than 200 young persons dedicated to personal development through community service. The group organizes and staffs the Last Fling in close cooperation with the City of Naperville, the Naperville Park District, numerous Naperville community organizations and tons of volunteers.

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