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### Centre Market Pre-Party Kicks Off 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine & Jazz Fest

**Wheeling, WV** – Wine and jazz enthusiasts are invited to Centre Market on Friday, August 23, for a free preview event outside on Market Street. “A Taste of the Wheeling Wine & Jazz Festival” runs from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. this Friday.

The outdoor pre-party includes free entertainment, an optional wine tasting at Casa di Vino from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (\$10.00 admission), and a chance to win four tickets to the Wine & Jazz Fest. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wheeling Wine and Jazz Festival is set for this Saturday, August 24, 4:00-10:00 p.m. at Heritage Port.

Friday’s preview event features Grammy-nominated jazz trumpet player and West Virginia native David Wells. The David Wells and Chris Geith Project will play from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This will be Wells’ second performance in Wheeling this summer; his June 12 concert at Waterfront Wednesdays was cut short by rain.

New American Groove is set to perform from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., also outside in front of The Market Vines Wine Bar and Grille. The winner of the Wine & Jazz Fest tickets will be announced during the band’s intermission.

Saturday’s lineup includes The Chris Barrick Group, The Travis Hoard Ensemble, and headline performer The Bob Thompson Unit. Food, crafts, and Basement Brewery craft beer will be available for purchase at Heritage Port. Downtown Wheeling, Inc. will also have an informational booth at the event, where attendees can enter a drawing for four Casa di Vino wine tasting passes and dinner for four at Market Vines.

Admission to the Wine & Jazz Fest is \$20.00 per person, which includes a commemorative wine glass, festival program/wine journal, corkscrew, and six hours of wine tasting and jazz music. Profit generated by the event goes toward future Downtown Wheeling, Inc. projects, such as First Fridays, Party on the Patio, and the decorated gateways into our downtown neighborhood.



**About Downtown Wheeling, Inc.:** Downtown Wheeling, Inc., formerly ON-TRAC, is a volunteer organization dedicated to the advancement, preservation, and revitalization of the Downtown Wheeling area. Initiatives of the group include the Wheeling Wine & Jazz Festival, local pier painting projects, and First Fridays.

**About the David Wells & Chris Geith Project:** Grammy-nominated trumpet player David Wells and keyboardist Chris Geith are no strangers in the field of contemporary jazz. With their new album, "No Side Effects," the duo joined forces to bring to the market one of the most exciting new musical collaborations. The result is a project that combines funky grooves, catchy melodies, and sophisticated chord progressions for a collection of tunes that feature the flugelhorn and acoustic piano as the lead instruments. The first single, "Never Giving Up," is rapidly climbing the jazz charts nationwide. Experience the David Wells & Chris Geith Project: [http://www.reverbnation.com/DavidWellsChrisGeithProject?profile\\_view\\_source=header\\_icon\\_nav](http://www.reverbnation.com/DavidWellsChrisGeithProject?profile_view_source=header_icon_nav).

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