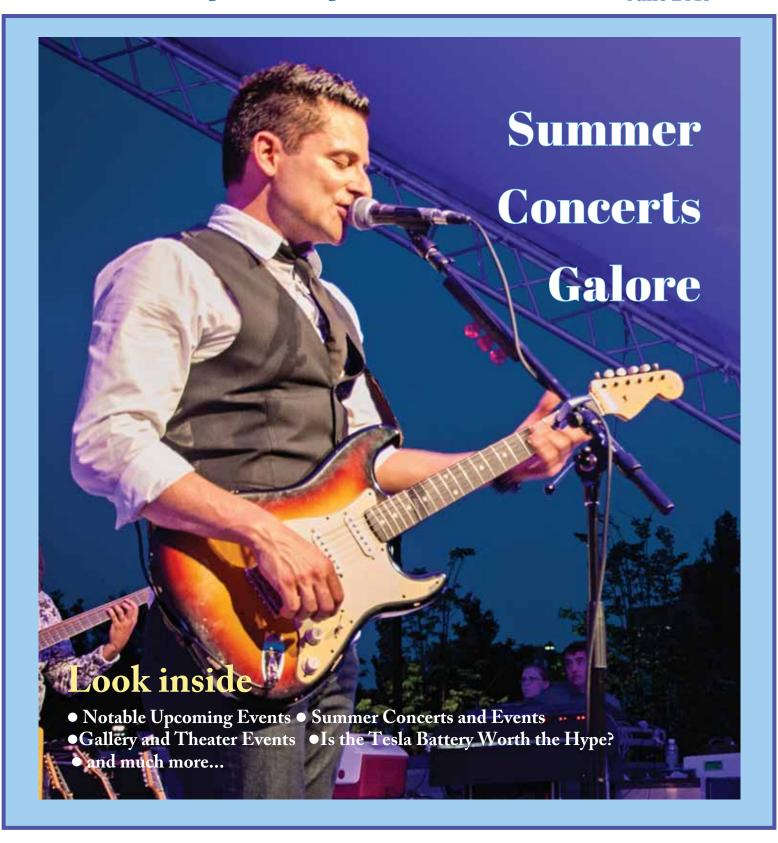
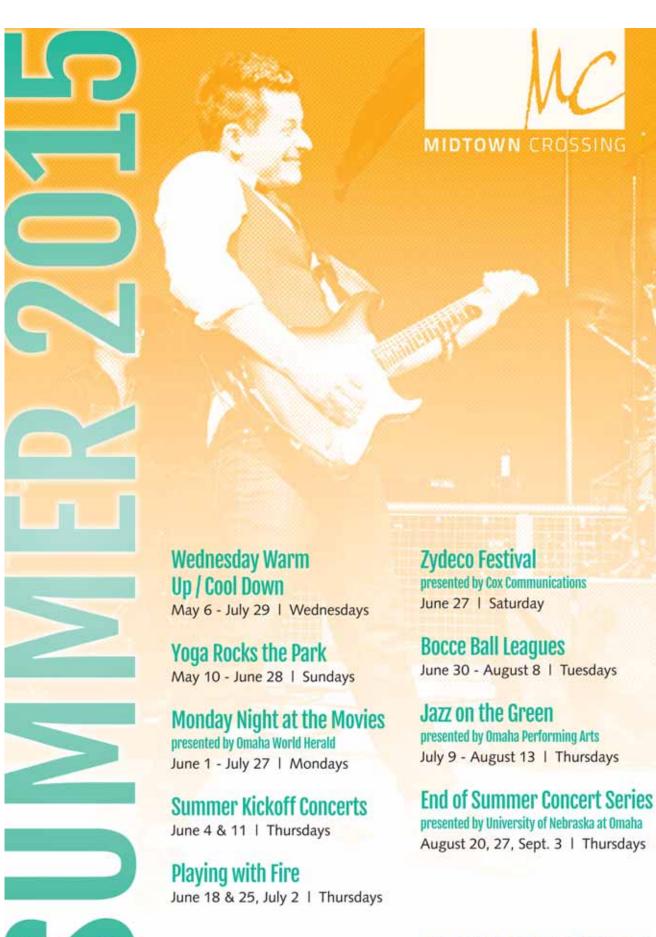
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Midtown Concerts

Midtown Crossing Summer Events Lineup

Midtown Crossing is planning to make the summer sizzle with a jam-packed mix of new events and established fan favorites – everything from live music to outdoor movies, bocce ball to yoga.

Live Music:

Thursdays in the Park | Thursdays, June 4 – Sept. 3

Back by popular demand, Thursdays in the Park will, once again, encompass four separate Turner Park concert experiences:

- · Summer Kickoff Concert Series June 4, 11
- · Playing with Fire June 18, 25; July 2
- Omaha Performing Arts' Jazz on the Green July 9, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 13
- End of Summer Concert Series August 20, 27; September 3; sponsored by the UNO.

Zydeco Festival Will Bring Top Creole & Cajun Performers to Midtown Crossing

Planning is hitting full stride for this summer's uniquely-created, regional Zydeco Festival – a full day of high-energy music, Creole- and Cajun-style food, activities and fireworks.

The day-long Zydeco Festival will take over the Pavilion at Turner Park on Saturday, June 27, beginning at noon. Admission is free. The festival will be capped in grand style with a fireworks extravaganza over Turner Park. The festival lineup features some of the most treasured musical artists from throughout the New Orleans, Louisiana, region:

- · Little Buck · Bobby Allen · Corey Ledet · Christina Balfa
- · DL Menard · Lazy Lester · Major Handy

Not familiar with zydeco? Bluesy at its roots with that Creole influence, modern zydeco also incorporates R&B, soul, reggae and rock.

Midtown Crossing restaurants will be on location during the one-of-a-kind festival, offering cold drinks and "zydeco-themed" food. The Grey Plume, for one, is preparing duck fat beignets (a spin on their popular duck fat fries). Wohlner's is serving alligator jerky. Restaurants on the park have begun accepting outdoor patio reservations.

Spirit of Giving Festival, Billy McGuigan and Fireworks Launch Midtown Crossing's Summer Concert Schedule

Raising up local charities and getting down with a fan favorite – that's the plan for Thursday, June 4, as Midtown Crossing celebrates the start of its high-powered summer concert schedule.

Omaha original Billy McGuigan returns by popular demand to rock the iconic Pavilion in Turner Park that evening and launch Midtown Crossing's summer-long Thursdays in the Park total concert experience. The creator of three nationally-touring shows: Rave On!, Yesterday and Today, and Rock Legends, McGuigan's performances have broken box office and attendance records in theaters across the country. He will take the stage at 7:00 p.m. and the evening will be capped in grand style with a fireworks extravaganza over Turner Park.

To complement McGuigan's free Summer Kickoff Concert and raise awareness of local charities, Turner Park is also hosting a Spirit of Giving Festival on June 4, starting at 5:00 p.m.

The festival will bring more than 35 nonprofits together to share their missions, create connections and excitement, and celebrate the community's spirit of giving with a fun and interactive outdoor expo.

The Spirit of Giving Festival will run until 8:00 p.m. All concerts are free to the public. The Turner Park venue opens at 5 p.m.

Spring Crime Prevention Tips

- Keep doors locked at all times. If you are working in the back yard, keep your front door and garage door closed and locked; and lock your back door when you are in the front yard. Always lock your doors when you leave, even if you only plan to be gone for a few minutes.
- During the spring weather, many people open windows or sliding glass doors while they are at home. Always remember to close and lock your windows and sliding doors when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Install motion-activated lights in your front and back yards, so when someone approaches your home, the lights automatically come on, illuminating that person.
- Put all ladders and other tools back into a secure storage area after you use them. Ladders and other tools can be used by criminals to access your home. Always lock any storage unit or shed you have on your property.
- Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person.
- If a utility representative comes to your house, request identification. True representatives will carry their identification and they will gladly show it to you. Call their company for verification.
- Always remember to roll up your car windows, take any valuables out of your car, and lock your doors every time you exit your vehicle, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.
- Being a good neighbor can be one of the best crime prevention tools. Watchful, attentive neighbors can spot criminals and alert the police and the community to their presence. Get involved in your community, and help us keep your spring happy and safe.
- Please call 911 for suspicious behavior.



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Notable Upcoming Events

Music in Midtown:

"Here Comes the Sun: A Beatles Tribute,"
Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM,
1st Central Congregational Church.
Omaha's Master Singers, under the direction of Dr.
D. Laureen Pickle, are presenting their final concert of the 2014-2015 season: "Here Comes the Sun: A
Beatles Tribute. This concert will be performed entirely a cappella.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students/seniors and are available at the door or at their website: www.mastersingersomaha.org. Children twelve and under are free.

Dundee Day - August 29th, Full Day of Fun For Everyone! Pancake Breakfast, parade on Underwood Avenue, exhibits, beer garden.



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Saturdays @ Stinson Event Schedule Aksarben Village – Stinson Park



Every Sunday from M ay $\,$ - October is the Omaha Farmers Market from 9am-1pm as well as Get Fit in the Park from 10am-12:30pm. Fun Run at 10am and Zumba at 11:30am.

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- 5 Omaha Beer Fest 5pm 9pm
- 6 Omaha Beer Fest 12pm 6pm
- 13 FARE Walk 9am 11am
- 13 High Heel Concert 7pm 10pm
- 14 Learning HQ Teacher Garage Sale 9am -1pm
- 20 Pride Festival 11am-10pm
- 27 Purple Stride Walk for Pancreatic Cancer 8am- 12pm
- 27 Soul Dawg Concert 7pm 10pm
- 28 Nebraska Wind Symphony 6pm-9pm

JULY

- 11 Red Delicious Concert 7pm 10pm
- 18 Hi-Fi Hangover Concert 7pm 10pm
- 25 Recaptured Journey Tribute Concert 7pm 10pm

AUGUST

- 1 Omaha Crush Wine Festival 1pm 5pm
- 7 DJ Dash 5K 7pm -9:30pm
- 8 Lemon Fresh Day Concert 7pm 10pm
- 15 MAHA Music Festival 12pm 12am
- 22 Confidentials Concert 7pm 10pm
- 28 US Air Force Heartland of America Band Vortex 7pm 8:30pm
- 29 Yesterday & Today Beatles Tribute Concert 7pm 10pm

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Is the Tesla Battery Worth All the Hype?

By David Holtzclaw of Transduction Technologies

Over the past few weeks, we've gotten dozens of questions about the new Tesla battery. For those of you behind the curve, Elon Musk's car company Tesla recently came out with 2 new products - a "whole home" size battery called Powerwall, and a "grid" size battery called Powerpack. The Powerwall is a lithium-ion, rechargeable, residential battery that charges from either grid generated or onsite generated (i.e. solar panels or wind turbines) electricity. The Powerwall comes in 2 sizes: 7 kWh (\$3,000 retail) and 10 kWh (\$3,500) of stored energy. Tesla claims the 7 kWh battery can be drained and recharged daily for over 3000 recharging cycles, while the 10 kWh battery is only meant to be recharged weekly for about 500 recharging cycles. Both are guaranteed by Tesla for 10 years. Up to 9 batteries can be installed together providing up to 63 or 90 kWh of stored energy. For comparison, on an average day in 2014, the average OPPD customer consumes 31 kWh/dav.

The retail costs does not include installation or an inverter, a device that switches the energy stored in the battery from direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC) for home use. Currently in California, Solarcity is advertising the Tesla 7 kWh battery plus inverter and installation for \$7,140 (I could not get any local quotes as the Tesla batteries aren't yet on the market). So, at BEST, you could get 7 kWh/day X 365 days/yr. X 10 years = 25,550 kWh. This is 28 \$\mathbb{C}/kWh\$, plus the initial cost of the electricity to

put into the battery. In 2014, the OPPD residential average was 10.68 ¢/kWh. Even worse, the Tesla battery can only provide 3 kW of peak power and 2 kW of continuous power. This is barely enough power to run the typical clothes dryer (2-3 kW) let alone clothes dryer and microwave (1-1.5 kW), and don't even think about turning on the electric stove (3 kW) or a space heater (2kW).

So why all the hype, and why does Tesla already have reservations for 38,000 Powerwall batteries?

First, there many power districts in California, Hawaii, and New England states that do charge more than 28 C/kWh. So, the Powerwall plus solar panels are already cost effective for these customers.

Secondly, Tesla, much like Apple, is selling a brand, a cause, a lifestyle. Now, it becomes a personal choice instead of a financial choice.

Thirdly, the excitement is what batteries like these might someday do.

Ten years ago solar panels were equally expensive, but now solar panels are cost neutral or cheaper than utility grid power in 10 states. Fourthly, as batteries become more mainstream, other companies will enter the marketplace leading to a competitive, robust, and growing battery sector.

2015 Farmers Markets

Omaha Farmers Market - Aksarben Village 67th & Center St. 402.345.5401 Sunday 9am-1 pm May 3-October 18

Benson- Military Ave. at new location Omaha Home For Boys 402.571.1785 Saturday 8am–1pm May 2–September



Gifford Park Neighborhood 33rd & California St. 402.558.4070

Friday 4pm-8pm May 29th-September

Omaha Farmers Market - Old Market 11th & Jackson St. 402.345.5401 Saturday 8am-12:30pm May 2-October 17

Midtown Galleries & Theaters

Modern Artists Midtown (MAM)

3615 Dodge St. 402-520-8737

www.modernartsmidtown.com

Gallery hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

June 5 to 26

New works by Jennifer Homan

Opening reception, Friday, June 5, 6 to 8 p.m.

Cathedral Arts Project, Sunderland Gallery

3900 Webster St. 402-551-4888

www.cathedralartsproject.org

Gallery hours: Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m.to 4 p.m.,

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m, third Sunday of each month

through May 29

No special exhibitions until September.

Connect Gallery

3901 Leavenworth St.

402-991-8234 www.connectgallery.net

Gallery hours: Wednesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MetroSeen — Works by Omaha and Lincoln artists Artist reception, Friday, June 19, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Anderson O'Brien Fine Art Old Market

1108 Jackson Street 402-884-0911

www.aobfineart.com

Gallery hours: Monday to Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 12

p.m. to 4 p.m.

New works include mixed media by Sharon Booma, oil paintings by Vincent Hron, jewelry by Lori Paulsen, and prints by Kat Moser.

Omaha Community Playhouse

6915 Cass St. 402-553-0800 ww.omahaplayhouse.com

Hawks Mainstage Theater

Spamalot—Through June 28

The title comes from a line in the film Monty Python and the Holy Grail: "We eat ham and jam and spam a lot." This reworking of the film's retelling of King Arthur and his knights includes characters named Sir Lancelot the Homicidally Brave and Not Dead Fred. Among the many songs are "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life" and "You Won't Succeed on Broadway."

Shelterbelt Theatre

3225 California St. 402-341-2757 www.shelterbelt.org Next production in July

SNAP Productions

3225 California St. 402-341-2757 www.snapproductions.com *Calendar Girls*—Through June 21

The play is based on the true story of 11 women who posed nude for a calendar to raise money for the leukemia research. The news of the women's charitable venture spreads like wildfire, and hordes of press soon descend on their village. The calendar is a success, but friendships are put to the test under the strain of their newfound fame.

Blue Barn Theatre

614 S. 11th St. 402-345-1576 www.bluebarn.org No productions until the fall.

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Summer Concert Series Returns to Midtown

From Boccherini and Beethoven to Midtown's own Stephen Bouma, the Omaha Chamber Music Society features a wide range of composers in its 2015 Summer Concert Series, presented every Sunday in June, at 3 p.m., at First Central Congregational Church.

The 14 th annual series will unfold as follows:

June 7 – Last and First: Beethoven's String Quartet No. 16, his final substantial composition, is paired with Schumann's earliest significant chamber work, the Piano Quintet in Eflat Major;



June 14 – Brass Alive: Five members of

the Omaha Symphony's brass section will showcase exciting works that demonstrate the power and versatility of brass instruments;

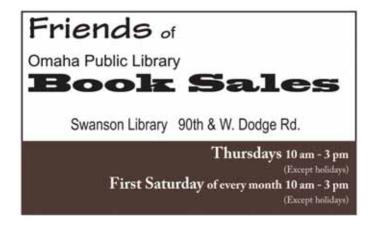
June 21 – Crossing the Atlantic: Old World classics (Schubert's Piano Trio in E-Flat Major and String Trios by Boccherini), lead up to the world premiere of Stephen Bouma's Toccata, performed by OCMS Executive Director and pianist Stacie Haneline, sharing the stage with Mary Perkinson, violin; Thomas Kluge, viola; and Greg Clinton, cello;

Composer Stephen Bouma serves as Music Director for First Central Congregation Church, and also is a member of the staff at Central High School.

June 28 – Moran Woodwind Quintet: In a first for the series, the acclaimed Moran Woodwind Quintet, resident quintet of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, offers works that go beyond national and cultural boundaries.

The Summer Concert Series returns for its fourth summer in the comfortable sanctuary of First Central Congregational Church, 36th and Harney Sts. The location provides free parking across the street and easy accessibility to the restaurants and shops of Midtown Crossing.

Ticket information is available at omahachambermusic.org or at 402.960.6943.



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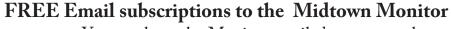
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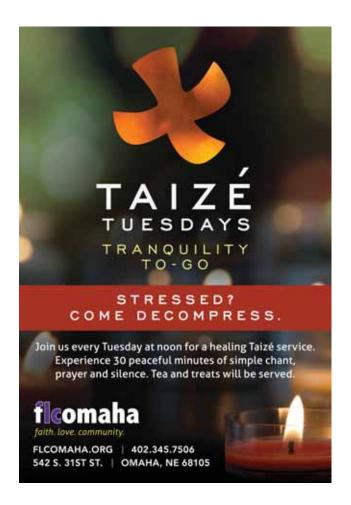
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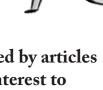






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