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Community Concert Planned for April 21 on South Capitol Lawn: Live Local Music and Kid Activities

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JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Spring is finally here, and what better way to celebrate than a family-friendly community concert on the Capitol lawn featuring music by talented local and school groups and fun children’s activities?

That’s what the Capital Area Rotary Clubs and Jefferson City Rotaract Club decided when they organized the first ever Jefferson City Rotary Community Peace Concert scheduled for Sunday, April 21, 2013 from 2 – 4 p.m. on the South Capitol steps and lawn.

“Rotary is a fellowship of business, professional and community leaders dedicated to serving our community, under the motto of “Service Above Self,” said Rob Erickson,

member of the concert's planning committee. "We wanted to bring people together to enjoy a nice Sunday afternoon, listening to great music at the focal point of our city – our beautiful state Capitol."

The event will feature performances by Down Side Up, a rock band composed of students from Helias Catholic High School; 2 Car Pile Up, a popular local rock band; J-City Riot, the award-winning Jefferson City High School Show Choir; and the Lincoln University Vocal Ensemble (LUVE), a group which has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York, the national anthem at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, and earned wide respect for the musical and emotive quality of its performance in a wide range of choral styles, including classical, jazz, gospel, and spirituals.

In addition to enjoying music, children will be able to participate in free art activities and receive free snacks and books.

The event will also feature information booths by several other civic-oriented groups. They include the Council for Drug Free Youth (www.jccdfy.org), which seeks to show children that an alcohol and drug free life is fulfilling; the HALO Foundation, Jefferson City (<http://www.haloworldwide.org/>), which supports orphans and provides American youth with opportunities to learn philanthropy and volunteerism; Dreams to Reality (www.dreamstoreality-jc-org), which helps low-income women meet employment goals by providing appropriate interview and business apparel, motivation and follow-up support; Meds & Food for Kids (www.mfkhaiti.org), an organization started by a St. Louis clinical pediatrics professor which helps save lives of malnourished children by developing, producing, and distributing highly nutritious food; and the Rotary Peace Fellows program, which provides professional development training in the areas of peace and conflict resolution.

"We have been thrilled with the support we have received from the schools, local businesses, and community organizations who have come together to help make sure this event is a success. All the artwork and event posters were donated. The musical performers are playing for free. Popcorn, trail mix, and waters have been donated," said Heidi Doerhoff Vollet, another planning committee member. "I am constantly amazed by the generosity and goodwill of our Jefferson City community."

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