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New Outdoor Riverfront tradition begins this Friday

Bridge Beats: Free Friday Night Concert Series

Omaha, NE (May 14, 2013) – The base of the Bob Kerrey Bridge Plaza on Omaha’s side will be the site of a new outdoor Riverfront tradition starting this Friday night: Bridge Beats. A 5:30 p.m. arrival is encouraged and plenty of free parking is available.

Bridge Beats will be held every Friday night, with the final one on Friday, June 28. These events are free and open to the public. A food vendor will be on site for guests to grab something to eat during the music series.

The opener, *Bear Town Singers*, presented by the National Park Service, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, will kick off the first-ever Bridge Beats at 6:00 p.m., this Friday, May 17.

Bear Town Singers are a drum group from the Winnebago Indian Reservation of Nebraska. They will introduce the audience to a traditional style of singing from the northern plains, often referred to as “Northern Style Singing.” The songs that are sung by the *Bear Town Singers* are intended to bring joy, happiness, wellbeing, and blessings to those around it.

Mike Langley will then take the stage near 7:00 p.m. blending rock, roots and folk music. “Mike Langley is the first musician I ever hired to play for Playing with Fire” said Jeff Davis, Producer of Playing with Fire. “He’s an eclectic vocalist, songwriter and guitarist with a signature sound that will charm music fans while kicking off their weekend.”

More information on the “Bridge Beats” music series and a map showing available parking may be found on bridgebeats.com.