

# Bay Side Stage performers range from rock to country

TRAVERSE CITY— The National Cherry Festival is pleased to announce its Pepsi Kentucky Fried Chicken Bay Side Stage roster of entertainment for the 78th Festival season.

This year's music stage is presented by Blue Cross/Blue Shield/Blue Care Network of Michigan, Charter Communications and TV 7&4.

The National Cherry Festival will kick off an eight-day entertainment schedule with Big Bad Voo Doo Daddy taking to the stage on Saturday, July 3.

**Big Bad Voo Doo Daddy presented by Bud True Music; WKLT and The Fox,**

will heat up the Bay Side Entertainment Stage with Jazz and blues straight from New Orleans. Known in Jazz circles around the country, Big Bad Voo Doo Daddy

pays tribute not only to the well spring of American music but, to the greatest of all musical cities, New Orleans. The band includes Dirk Shumaker on string bass, Andy Rowley on saxophone, Glen "The Kid" Marhevka on trumpet, Karl Hunter on Saxophones and clarinet, and Joshua Levy on piano. Spinning musical sounds together, the band is ready to release its new album Save My Soul on July 8. Sounds of jazz and swing, not to mention the blues will hit high all evening long on opening day at the 78th National Cherry Festival.

On Sunday evening, July 4, Chateau Grand Traverse sponsors an evening of **Festival Wine Tasting complemented by Traverse City's own ENCORE SOCIETY.** Show tunes will highlight the evening, a perfect musical outing for the entire family to enjoy on the shores of West Grand Traverse Bay.

Monday night, July 5, is

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**NeXt2Y Night presented by Mountain Dew and The Peak,** an event bridging two generations of young adults, those of Generation X and Generation Y. The afternoon and evening event comes complete with bands from the region. A Festival Lip Synch Contest and loads of non-stop, on stage entertainment will kick off at 4:30 p.m. near the Bay Side Entertainment Stage.

Taking to the stages is the acoustic rock and soul sounds of **Down the Line**, referred to by one fan as a "Bluegrass version of the Back Street Boys".

Tuesday night, July 6, country music takes center stage with **Asleep At The Wheel, presented by WTCM,** following the AAA Michigan Heritage Parade. True to the title of its 1973 debut record, the group that has earned six Grammys is again "Comin Right At Ya", this time with a live album and an all-star assemblage of distinguished AATW alumni, such as original

members Ray Benson, Lucky Oceans and LeRoy Preston. Asleep At The Wheel is famous for its blending of "TexMex tinged" ballads and country instrumentals, bringing hit after hit to the Bay Side Entertainment Stage. "AATW is improvisational with a Western flavor, an all time favorite," stated Rolling Stone Magazine. An evening packed with

fun for the entire family, and back by popular demand is **1964 The Tribute, presented by Netlink Business Solutions and W C C W** will perform tunes reminiscent of the Beatles era on Wednesday evening, July 7, sure to be one of the most popular Bay Side

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A \$3 Commemorative Pin is also your ticket to qualify to win a Crowline 180 Sport Boat, powered by Volvo Penta, on a custom Eagle Trailer all supplied by Grand Bay Marine. The second place prizewinner will enjoy a week long Royal Caribbean Cruise, courtesy of Passageways/Carlson Wagonlit Travel. This year's Festival Grand Prize Giveaway Show is slated to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 10 in the Festival Open Space.

