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**TETON VALLEY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW SPONSORS AND
ANOTHER SUMMER OF FREE CONCERTS IN DOWNTOWN DRIGGS**

The Teton Valley Foundation is pleased to announce Real Estate of Jackson Hole, Teton Valley has signed on to be Title Sponsor for the return of Thursday Music on Main, a concert series in Downtown Driggs. The series is free to the public and features prominent headliners performing each Thursday in July and August. Headliners for this summer's series include:

- July 5: The Clumsy Lovers with opener The Miller Sisters
- July 12: Greg Brown
- July 19: The Wailin' Jennys
- July 26: Los Lobos
- Aug 2: The Waybacks
- Aug 9: Targhee Bluegrass Allstars with opener The Woodbox Gang
- Aug 16: James McMurtry and the Heartless Bastards
- Aug 23: The Drew Emmitt Band
- Aug 30: Jerry Joseph Electric Band

According to Executive Director, Cathy O'Connor, "The Foundation is pleased to have such a consistent schedule of quality artists this year. Each of our headliners has a following in the region. Series enthusiasts who are unfamiliar with an artist are in for a treat. We want to thank our new sponsors for making this possible."

According to Christopher A. Johnston, Chairman and CEO of Real Estate of Jackson Hole, "Real Estate of Jackson Hole, Teton Valley is a first class team of community minded real estate professionals who understand that the Valley is a great place to live and vacation. They have an appreciation that Teton Valley, Idaho represents a wealth of recreational opportunities as well as a sense of community."

Johnston further stated, "The Teton Valley Foundation is dedicated to broadening the cultural, recreational and educational opportunities available within Teton Valley, Idaho. Real Estate of Jackson Hole, Teton Valley is proud to support an organization that is fostering such incredible community growth."

Joining the sponsorship ranks this year at the Headlining level is Huntsman Springs. "Huntsman Springs is delighted to participate along with other fine sponsors in the work that is outlined by the Teton Valley Foundation," says Bill Reid, Development Director for the recently approved development. Reid further stated that "Events for visitors and residents are a big part of the community experience and need the special attention that is planned by the Foundation".



“The Foundation is grateful to Grand Targhee Resort and Geordie Gillett for getting us off the ground last year,” O’Connor said. “Now it’s time for us to stand on our own two feet. We are excited to have new sponsors who clearly see the benefit this event provides to the community. The support of our Sponsors is critical in bringing this wonderful series back and keeping it free.”

Grand Targhee Realty, a grant from the Teton Springs Foundation and United Bank of Idaho signed up to be Sponsors at the Friends of Music level. Supporting Sponsors include First Bank of the Tetons, Jorgensen Associates, Owen-PC Construction and Watkins Distributing/Budweiser.

Concerts will take place in the same downtown Main Street Park in Driggs at Bates and Main beginning at 6 pm. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets. Vendors will be on site to provide a variety of food options and beer and wine will be available for purchase. Outside alcohol may not be brought into the Park. The Foundation expects to announce the remaining line up, including the local artists opening each show and the July 26 and August 30 headliners, in late June.

In addition to Thursday Music on Main, the Foundation is presenting the Teton Valley Fiddler’s Contest and the Fourth of July Music in the Park and Fireworks. The Fiddler’s Contest will be held on June 30th in Main Street Park from 10 am – 3:30 pm. The Fourth of July events will take place in Driggs City Park with music beginning at 6 pm and a new and greatly expanded firework show immediately following at 10 pm. The fireworks will be set off in a new location this year and will be best viewed from City Park.

The Teton Valley Foundation’s mission is to plan, organize and implement cultural, educational and recreational events for the benefit of the community. We plan to host several world-class, multi-day events each year to promote, market and enhance the unique nature of the Valley and increase economic activity in the community placing specific emphasis on our downtowns.

For more information on the series, the Foundation and how to get involved, check out the Foundation’s website at www.tetonvalleyfoundation.org.