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KC STREETCAR GETS READY TO JAM FOR THE HOLIDAYS

(Kansas City, Missouri) – In partnership with Kansas City's <u>90.9 The Bridge</u>, the KC Streetcar is getting into the holiday spirit with a music series on board the streetcars.

As part of the Visit KC's <u>Downtown Dazzle</u> promotions and events, the Kansas City Streetcar Authority is hosting ten live music performances on board the streetcars starting November 24. In addition to the November 24 performance, the music events will take place on Fridays and Saturdays during the first three weeks of December. Music styles will range from folk to zydeco, from hip hop to classical, from jazz to western swing, and include traditional holiday music, covers and original music performed by local artists.

"This year we received more than 100 applications for the Holiday Jam which tells us that musicians and artists are eager to showcase their talents in a unique setting like the streetcar. Our hope is that music on the streetcar enhances the ridership experience for our passengers as well as introduce our local musicians to a new audience," said Donna Mandelbaum, Communications Director with the KC Streetcar Authority.

"Performing on the KC Streetcar is a dream come true for me because it is yet another opportunity to do what I love and reach people in a positive light. It is a very compelling gesture that the KC Streetcar not only recognizes true talent right here in Kansas City, but they are willing to do what it takes to provide a platform for us musicians to express ourselves to the city that we absolutely love, as well as to our visitors and tourists," said local jazz musician Christopher "CNote" Nickens.

The KC Streetcar Holiday Jam on board the streetcar schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, Nov. 24, 12:00-2:00pm: <u>Carolers of Note</u>. This group will also perform within <u>The City</u> Market (Traditional holiday music)
- Friday, Nov. 30, 5:00-7:00pm: AJ Young (Rock music)
- Saturday, Dec. 1, 12:00-2:00pm: The Center State (Original and Covers: Folk Rock music)
- Saturday, Dec. 1, 1:00-3:00pm: Ayllu (Original Latin Folk/Rock music)
- Saturday, Dec. 11, 3:00-5:00pm: <u>Cowtown Country Club</u> (Vocal harmonies, Classic Western Swing music)
- Friday, Dec. 7, 5:00-7:00pm: Ernest James Zydeco (New Orleans style Zydeco music)

- Saturday, Dec. 8, 12:00-2:00pm: <u>Christopher "CNote" Nickens</u> (Smooth Jazz and traditional holiday music)
- Saturday, Dec. 8, 12:00-2:00pm: <u>2CellosKC</u> (Meredith McCook and Susie Yang of the KC Symphony. Classical and traditional holiday music. Two cellos, no vocals)
- Saturday, Dec. 15, 4:00-6:00pm: <u>The Pine Drivers</u> (Original Americana music)
- Saturday, Dec. 15, 6:00-8:00pm: <u>They Call Me Sauce</u>. This is a special performance inside Ruby Jean's Juicery at 1111 Main Street on the KC Streetcar line (Original hip-hop/rap music)

"It's important for musicians to have new and exciting ways of getting their music out to the public," said Jesse Akers of The Pine Drivers. "The KC Streetcar Holiday Jam not only allows musicians to do that but also encourages them to have fun and interact with their audience in a uniquely interactive way," Akers continued.

The onboard streetcar performances will start at the Union Station streetcar stop near Main Street and Pershing. To track the whereabouts of these performances, follow the KC Streetcar on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

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