

## PRESS RELEASE

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RE: Allen Park Free "Floating Concert"

The unique showboat Point Counterpoint II will dock in Ottawa's Allen Park beginning Monday, August 10th for a three day stay. The visit will culminate in a free public concert at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12. At that time the boat will transform into a floating band shell where the 45 member American Wind Symphony Orchestra will perform. This vessel last visited Ottawa in the year 2000.

Concert goers are urged to bring blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy the sunset as the orchestra celebrates America with music on the banks of the beautiful Illinois river.

This year's group of exceptionally talented young professional musicians represents a 52 year history that has included concerts in 300 U.S. communities and 20 foreign countries.

While in Ottawa the orchestra members will also perform in chamber groups at various local nursing homes and other venues. Orchestra members will be housed by local families, Pleasant View and Heritage Harbor Boat and Breakfast.

The visit of the vessel and the performance of the American Wind Symphony Orchestra is sponsored by the City of Ottawa Special Events, LaSalle County Tourism Committee, Bill Walsh Automotive Group and Ottawa Regional Hospital.

For further information contact Julie Johnson at the Ottawa Visitors Center at 815-434-2737.