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**WRISTBANDS NOW AVAILABLE FOR DOWNTOWN HOLLAND GROOVEWALK**

Holland, MI – Wristbands are now on sale for the spring installment of Downtown Holland’s popular GrooveWalk event on Saturday, April 26! From 9:00 pm – 1:00 am, patrons are invited to see 10 bands perform live in 10 different pubs, restaurants and entertainment venues all for the price of a single wristband. Wristbands are currently being sold for just $10 each, but the price will increase to $15 each on the day of the event. Save $5.00 and get your wristbands early…before they sell out!

**“The bands we lined up for this April’s GrooveWalk are a great mix of genres from De Hurricane’s island reggae vibe to Fly Paper’s indie blues rock sound,” said Sprout Media Groups’s Brad Raffenaud, the official booking agent for GrooveWalk. “We have some great local artists in the mix too, like Delilah DeWylde and the Lost Boys, and classic rock covers from The Machines. There truly is something for every taste in this spring’s line-up and a great opportunity to sample new sounds, along with the great tastes that all of the venues have to offer!”**

Anyone 21 years or older is able to purchase a wristband, which allows you entry into all 10 venues, along with free rides on the GrooveXpress busses. Wristbands are currently available for purchase online at [www.groovewalk.com](http://www.groovewalk.com). Wristbands purchased online can be picked up at the will call tent located outside Curragh Irish Pub the day of the event starting at noon. Wristbands can also be purchased in person at the Curragh Irish Pub (73 East 8th Street).

Once they have purchased a GrooveWalk wristband, designated drivers can also receive a free designated driver wristband that entitles them to complimentary non-alcoholic beverages, such as soft drinks and coffee, at all venues. The designated driver wristbands will be available at the Curragh and can also be obtained at the door at all venues the night of the event. Designated drivers must also be at least 21 years old to enter each venue. Taxi service will also be available throughout the evening thanks to Blueberry Taxi, Last Call Ministries and Rosebud Taxi.

In order to ensure that no one misses a single band during the four-hour event, three GrooveXpress MAX Transit buses will be making a continuous loop throughout Downtown Holland from 9:00 pm – 1:30 am, stopping at convenient locations near all of the GrooveWalk venues. Buses are free to ride with a wristband and will feature onboard entertainment by local musicians, including Matt Gabriel, Greg Hulsebos and Randy Schaap.

The Little Black Booth photo booth will be located at the Park Theatre during the event, so attendees can capture their memories of the greatest night of live music that Downtown Holland has ever seen for just $2.00. And for those wishing to stay overnight in Downtown Holland during GrooveWalk, CityFlats Hotel, Haworth Inn & Conference Center and Teerman Lofts are all offering special pricing for event attendees. Be sure to ask for the GrooveWalk rate when calling to make your reservations!

GrooveWalk Venues and Bands:

DJ Jef Leppard • 84 East Food & Spirits

DJ Jef Leppard has been playing favorite dance-party jams spanning the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s around West Michigan for going on 10 years. He has opened for 80’s legend Rob Base and been featured on “Under The Radar Michigan.” He maintains the “Retro-GR” blog and can be spotted driving his restored ‘77 Pinto Cruising Wagon around town. DJ Jef Leppard will be spinning everyone’s favorite 80’s hits at GrooveWalk.

De Hurricane Band • 8th Street Grille

Cleve “Hurricane” Jean Jacques hails from the island of Dominica in the Caribbean. He began his musical career at the young age of 14 and entered the arena of calypso music in the mid-1980’s. He currently resides in Chicago, where he heads up the Hurricane Band and performs with some of the most talented professionals in the reggae industry including Ziggy Marley and Shaggy. Prepare to experience a true Caribbean vibe, a total party package of reggae, soca and calypso sounds, and a taste of real island culture!

Emma Loo and Sam • Butch’s Dry Dock

GrooveWalk alum Sam Kenny returns with new band mate Emma Loo on vocals and guest artist Pauly Hurlbert on percussion. Sam grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and moved to Grand Rapids in 2000, where he performed with Pauly in the bands Domestic Problems and Fancy Thermos. Emma Loo grew up in Lowell and has performed with several acts including Otis Blueswell Jr. and Expansion Pack. She moved to Grand Rapids in the spring of 2012 to perform with Sam. Together, they play an eclectic and energetic mix of alt-rock covers, along with original music.

Lowdown Brass Band • CitySen Lounge

Chicago’s Lowdown Brass Band is a ten-piece, horn-driven ensemble with strong roots in the New Orleans “Second Line” tradition. A fierce sousaphone sets the foundation for trumpets, trombones and saxophones that intertwine in a cacophony of tight lead lines, spontaneous call-and-response and bombastic brass attacks. While taking a page from the jazz and blues giants of the past, LDB melds modern funk, hip-hop, reggae and pop into a unique new style.

Delilah DeWylde and the Lost Boys • Curragh Irish Pub

A long time ago, at the dawn of the Atomic Age, a succession of no-good punks and ill-mannered teenagers took the best of American roots music – hard-partying honky tonk country, searing gutbucket blues and lonesome hillbilly twang – and distilled it into a potent moonshine known as rockabilly. This combustible formula, passed down through the generations, forms the heart of the revved-up stylings of Delilah DeWylde and the Lost Boys.

Anna Lee’s Co. • New Holland Brewing Co.

Anna Lee's Co. plays a rootsy blend of original funk, blues and folk rock.  Straight outta Ann Arbor, Anna Lee's boasts an all star cast of characters from Back Forty, The Ragbirds, Hoodang, Hullabaloo and more, featuring fiddle, horns, guitars, harp, bass and drums.  With tasty grooves, spicy hot licks and soulful harmonies, Anna Lee's Co. has set out to carry the soul of American roots music to today's hottest dance floors.

Fly Paper • Our Brewing Company

With soulful vocals, fiercely elegant guitars, and a high-energy rhythm section, Fly Paper never fails to inspire crowds throughout the country with their original songs. Micaela's voice is often compared to that of Fiona Apple and Norah Jones, while her guitar playing carries on the traditions of Jimi Hendrix and Jimmy Page. The four-piece band fuses elements of rock, folk and blues into an unforgettable musical experience. With catchy songs, command of their instruments and a powerful stage presence, Fly Paper will be remembered long after the lights go out!

The Mainstays • Park Theatre

The Mainstays are a funk and soul band based from Kalamazoo. Featuring Andrew Schrock, Dutch Conway and Nate Heymoss of Michigan's funk/dance band Funktion, the band draws heavily from the groovy elements that made Funktion a bonafide dance party, all while crafting dynamic, insightful and almost folk-influenced songs. Half-beast/half-man Paul Bauer behind the drum kit and the downright dirty playing of Tom McRockin Eldred (BMF Band) on keys bring the sound fully together.

The Machines • Parrot’s Lounge

The Machines are a versatile, vintage-era rock band that has its roots in the early British Invasion musical wave. The band itself is comprised of veteran musicians from West Michigan. The Machines became well known for resurrecting great songs that had faded from the memories of all but die-hard fans; coupled with energetic, danceable and well-recognized tunes, they create the perfect atmosphere for any venue. From The Beatles to The Who, Grand Funk to Santana, Three Dog Night to Bad Finger, The Machines are pure musical fun.

The Real Fantastics • VFW Post #2144

The Real Fantastics are seven friends who enjoy being in their all-time favorite band! They play a fun mix of classic soul, Motown, and R&B hits, along with original music inspired by the 60’s era! With a large band comes a big sound and high-energy show that you won’t want to miss.

Additional Information: [WEBSITE](http://www.groovewalk.com) |[FACEBOOK](http://www.facebook.com/groovewalk)| [TWITTER](https://twitter.com/groove_walk)

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