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Taste of Kalamazoo

**The 24th annual gathering of area
 restaurants, wineries and breweries will
 take place July 23-25**

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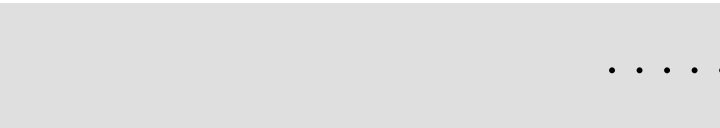
**The Taste of Kalamazoo returns to the Arcadia Creek Festival Place in downtown
 Kalamazoo Thursday, Friday and Saturday July 23, 24 and 25, 2009.**

- Featured will be samplings of the cuisine of over 30 area restaurants and chefs.
- Live entertainment, activities and fun for everyone each day.

From area restaurants:

Samplings will be offered by, **Omoefe's, Blue Dolphin, Mangia Mangia, Rasa Ria, Radisson Plaza Restaurants, Martell's, Treat Street, Niskers, Café Casa, Q-it-up, La Cantina, Saffron, La Mexicana, Sushi Ya, Papa's Italian Sausage, Coney Island, Great Wall, Not Just An Almond, Jammin Jerks, Shawarma King, Charlie Fosters, A Food Affair, TGI Fridays and Big Moe's**

Each restaurant will serve several items providing a sampling of their cuisine with a total of over **200 items** from desserts like Michigan Fruit Petit Fors, Roasted Almonds, Blueberry Crisp, Cheesecake on a Stick, to pulled pork, Potato Roma, Sushi, Beef Tri-Tip Wrap, Curry Puff, Chicken Rendang, Meatballs, Bourbon Chicken, Sirloin Burgers, Sunset Scampi and Southwest Chicken Salad Wrap. Try originals like Chili Dogs, Calzones, and French fries and



more

stray to the extraordinary with Seekh Kebobs, Chicken Spiedino, Whitefish Tacos, Nasi Goreng, and Blackeyed Peas. There is a Taste for everyone here at the Taste of Kalamazoo.

GRILL OFFS AND ICE CRAVINGS:

Each afternoon from 3pm to 6pm the area's best chef's will demonstrate their talents and compete against each other and guest chef's in Grill Offs, featuring poultry, beef and seafood. Talented local artists will prepare ice cravings daily. It will be a great opportunity to learn of recipes and techniques and of course there will be plenty of delicious samples. Wine tasting and appreciation sessions will also take place in the **Wine Bar**.

BEVERAGES:

In addition to the many food selections a variety of beverages will be offered Fresh Squeezed Lemonade, Smoothie's, Vegetable and Fruit Juices from **Minute Maid**, Iced Teas, Sodas and Water from **Coca-Cola**, all featured at the "**New Non-Alcohol Beverage Station**", Wines from **St. Julian Winery and Centerra** will be featured in the "**Wine Bar**" where you'll be able to buy tastes or glasses, Beers from **Budweiser, Guinness** and local breweries **Bell's, and Arcadia**, and a "**Beer Garden**" featuring Michigan micro beers, also a variety of cocktails featuring Rum drinks and more from **Captain Morgan, Cuervo Margaritas, and Mike's Hard Lemonade**.

ENTERTAINMENT:

The Taste of Kalamazoo offers the widest variety of music and entertainment of any area festival. Live entertainment will be featured from 5:00pm to close each day. Saturday the 19th **Annual GREATEST KAZOO DUCK RACE** will be taking place benefiting **Hospice of Greater Kalamazoo** along with, live area bands, face painting, jugglers, clowns, balloons, and more. Thursday evening features **FRANKIE BALLARD**, Friday it's **TY STONE AND THE SOUL OF JAMES BROWN** and **GREENSKY BLUEGRASS** headlining , then Saturday **GYPSIES IN THE**

PALACE perform a Jimmy Buffet Tribute, leading to the festival finale as Taste welcomes **THE TUBES.....Yes.....THE TUBES.**

The Line – Up:

Thursday: Country Night

6:30 Four Wheel Drive

7:30 Dew South

9:00 FRANKIE BALLARD

Friday:

Noon Dooley Noted (Blues/Jazz/Folk/Rock)

5:00 Blue Moon Blues (Blues)

8:00 Zion Lion (Reggae)

10:00 TY STONE THE SOUL OF JAMES BROWN-Living in America Tribute

12:00 GREENSKY BLUEGRASS (Bluegrass/Jam Band)

Saturday:

Noon The Cheap Dates (Fun 80's music)

2:00 Kinetic Effect (Spoken Word Interactive Workshop)

5:00 Gypsies in the Palace (Jimmy Buffett Tribute)

8:00 Jim Cummings Band (Rhythm and Blues)

10:00 THE TUBES (Legendary Glam Rock Pioneers)

12:00 Funktion (Funk/R&B)

Gates open at **11:00am** each day serving lunch, dinner and late night to **12:30am Thursday and 1:30am Friday and Saturday.** Food and Beverage tickets are priced at **.50** each, items range in price from **.50 to 4.00.** Admission is **free** each day, **\$5.00** from 4pm to 7pm and **\$8.00** after 7pm, Children twelve and under are free.

The Taste is sponsored by **THE KALAMAZOO JAYCEES** and further made possible by **WRKR and WKFR, Budweiser, Coca-Cola, Captain Morgan, Mike's Hard Lemonade, Imperial Beverage, Centerra Wines, SATURN OF KALAMAZOO, Republic Waste and Bluefire Media Group.**

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