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## **Ann Arbor Summer Festival Announces Lineup for Beatles Tribute**

Local guests artists include Chris Bathgate, The Brothers Groove, Lucciana Costa, Thornetta Davis, The Hard Lesson's Augie Visocchi with students from the School of Rock, Hot Club of Detroit Trio, Frank Pahl's Little Bang Theory, Dick Siegel & The Brandos, and Sole Transit

When: Saturday, June 19, 8:00 p.m.  
Where: Power Center, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor  
Admission: \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15  
Box Office: (734) 764-2538 or [annarborsummerfestival.org](http://annarborsummerfestival.org)

ANN ARBOR, MI (May 13, 2010) – The Ann Arbor Summer Festival is pleased to announce the musical lineup for *Come Together*, A Beatles 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, which takes place at the Power Center on Saturday, June 19. This tribute concert brings together a diverse mix of local artists and musical styles, ranging from gypsy jazz to Detroit funk, all in celebration of the legendary Liverpool band. Tickets are currently on sale through the Festival Ticket Office at (734) 764-2538 or online at [annarborsummerfestival.org](http://annarborsummerfestival.org).

Curated and hosted by musicologist and industry veteran **Martin Bandyke**, the concert includes guest performances by indie-folkster **Chris Bathgate**, funk-rock outfit **The Brothers Groove**, singer-pianist **Lucciana Costa**, blues diva **Thornetta Davis**, The Hard Lesson's **Augie Visocchi** with students from the **School of Rock**, jazz swingers **Hot Club of Detroit Trio**, sonic artist **Frank Pahl** and his toy band, legendary Ann Arbor singer/songwriter **Dick Siegel & The Brandos**, and teen funk band **Sole Transit**.

The concert is being produced by the festival to commemorate fifty years since John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Stuart Sutcliffe, and Pete Best gave their first performance as the Beatles in August 1960. "There are a number of anniversary-related events happening worldwide this summer," said festival director Robb Woulfe. "But I wanted to make sure our celebration focused on local artists and the impact the Beatles music had, and still has, on their work. And I knew Martin Bandyke was just the right guy to bring that vision together."

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As one of Michigan's most popular media personalities, Martin Bandyke is a veteran music writer and morning drive host at WQKL-FM (Ann Arbor's 107.1). With his extensive knowledge of the Beatles catalog and his deep appreciation for and connections to the local music community, he was a natural choice to take on the role of curator and concert emcee. "I am thrilled and honored to be a part of this special tribute to the Beatles," said Bandyke. "Their music has been part of our collective consciousness for the last fifty years, and still remains as relevant, popular, and influential as ever. I look forward to hosting this multi-genre tribute to the most important band in the history of rock and roll."

The Ann Arbor Summer Festival's mission is to present a world-class celebration of arts and entertainment that enriches the cultural, economic, and social vitality of the region. Started in 1983, the festival attracts more than 60,000 people each year from the local community and throughout Southeast Michigan.

**Festival Ticket Information:**

In Person: Michigan League Ticket Office, 911 N. University Avenue  
By Phone: (734) 764-2538  
Online: [annarborsummerfestival.org](http://annarborsummerfestival.org)

**Festival Venue Information:**

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