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Port of Olympia Hosts Music in the Park at Port Plaza July 19

The Port of Olympia is proud to host the first Music in the Park event at Port Plaza on Budd Inlet Wednesday, July 19, 2006. The Ian McFeron band is slated to perform a program of pop/funk beginning at 7:00 p.m.

“Port Plaza is an ideal outdoor community performance venue, and we are very pleased to sponsor this concert,” said Port Commission President Steve Pottle. “We hope a lot of people will bring their lawn chairs, take in the spectacular waterfront views and enjoy a great show.”

The free performance is part of the Music in the Park Summer Concert series brought to the community by the Olympia Downtown Association and a number of community sponsors. This is the only concert of the season to be held at Port Plaza.

“We are very pleased that the Port is a partner in this special event,” said Connie Lorenz, ODA Executive Director. “Port Plaza is very well suited for this concert, and the people who attend Music in the Park will have a great time.”

The Ian McFeron Band has quickly gained Northwest popularity since being formed in 2003. McFeron is a lyrical singer/songwriter in the tradition of such folk greats as Bob Dylan and Paul Simon and such contemporary favorites as Ryan Adams and David Gray. Much of the group’s rapid and steady ascent can be attributed to their unique sound – a blend of musical influences that range from groove-based acoustic rock to folk, atl-country, and gritty blues.

For further information, contact the Olympia Downtown Association at 360-357-8948 or go to www.downtownolympia.com.

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