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### **West Boylston Arts Foundation, Inc. Announces ARTS ROCK! Summer Concert Series**

**June 2, 2009:** The West Boylston Arts Foundation, Inc. (WBAF), a non-profit charitable organization, presents the ARTS ROCK! Summer Concerts to be held on Friday nights of July 3, July 17, July 31, and August 14 at the West Boylston High School football field at Goodale Park. The concerts are fundraisers to ensure arts and music education continue to be provided in town schools.

On July 3, The Thundertones with Chet Williamson, and the Hazardous Constituents, will kick off the series with blistering classic rock and blues sets. Eric Pearson of the Thundertones and John Szel of the Hazardous Constituents are West Boylston residents that consider the arts an essential part of a strong school system. Chet Williamson has shared stages with many of the world's finest musicians, including Sleepy LaBeef, Duke Levine, Joan Osborne, and Ronnie Earl. The Hazardous Constituents are a guitar driven classic rock band that frequently performs at the Hard Rock Café in Boston.

On July 17, local Worcester rock quartet, Miars, opens for the Boston-based Have Nots. Miars, formed in the summer of 2007, plays a unique experimental blend of funk rock. Have Nots, one of Boston's top ska-punk bands, and recent semifinalists in WBCN's Rock Rumble, lends an edgier sound with their brand of garage rock.

On July 31, Ted Painter and the South County Band will set the stage with hot rockabilly sounds for The Delta Generators. With his blend of country and rock influences, Ted Painter, a former US Army infantry officer, has won the 2008 New England Country Music Organization's Songwriter of the Year award and the 2007 Great American Song Contest Award. The Delta Generators combine the soulfulness of Delta blues with the energy of Memphis soul, Louisiana funk, and classic rock 'n' roll. Winners of the 2008 Boston Blues Challenge, they were chosen as one of ten finalists at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee, this past February. Their CD "*Devil in the Rhythm*" was nominated for best blues album in the 2008 Independent Music Awards.

On August 14, Gravity Release Me, a contemporary rock band comprised of West Boylston High School students, start off the evening for R&B soul band, The Valves and the Tornado Alley Horns. Formed by ten veteran rockers, including bassist Joe Miglionico, a West Boylston High School alumni, The Valves and the Tornado Alley Horns perform popular songs by Aretha Franklin, James Brown, the Rolling Stones and more.

“The WBAF funds the elementary school band and instrument teacher in West Boylston. The bands all appreciate what we are doing and the value of the arts in school,” explained Mark Baldi, WBAF President. “The ARTS ROCK! Summer Concerts will be fun, live Friday night entertainment for youth and adults to support their schools. We hope to see all the students and their parents come on out and rock West Boylston.”

All concerts start at 7 pm; admission is \$10 (children under 12 yrs. Free with an adult). Concerts will be held indoors at Major Edwards School, 125 Crescent St., West Boylston, in the event of rain. All concert proceeds will be dedicated to funding West Boylston schools’ art and music education. Additional information may be found at [www.wbaf.org](http://www.wbaf.org)

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