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GROOVE/chill @ The State Museum

New Musical Series Designed to Attract New, Younger Audience Debuts

at The State Museum Thursday, May 29

Harrisburg – On Thursday, May 29 at 10:00 p.m., long after school groups leave the galleries dedicated to the history of the Commonwealth and the “under five” set and their parents have departed Curiosity Connection™, State Museum staffers will welcome an entirely new audience to The State Museum of Pennsylvania.

Welcome to GROOVE/chill @ The State Museum, a program designed to introduce new audiences to the State Museum of Pennsylvania. Over the course of the year, The State Museum plans to present a series of progressive music events intended to draw people in and provide new opportunities to explore the museum.

To kick-off the series, The State Museum has scheduled an event to coincide with the Central Pennsylvania Friends of Jazz “JazzWalk”, also taking place on May 29. “JazzWalk” places live music in as many venues as possible throughout the Downtown and Midtown area, encouraging both tourists and area residents to become part of Harrisburg’s growing music and street scene. The State Museum wants to be part of both.

The inaugural GROOVE/chill “happening” features an hour-long performance by New York-based Gutbucket, an internationally acclaimed jazz-punk-improvised music ensemble followed by cash bar artist’s reception in Memorial Hall. Concertgoers who arrive early have the option to preview this summer’s planetarium show with presentations at 8:45 and 9:15 – seating is first come-first served. Sponsors of the May 29 event include The Friends of The State Museum, Friends of Midtown and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

According to the band's web site, Gutbucket is a free-range band. The nine-year-old New York quartet is not only equally comfortable playing in front of 900 sweaty pogo-ing teenage skate-punks, a crowd of jamband freaks, or on an anarchist German art collective houseboat, but most importantly, their music fits right in.

Flitting from hard rock to Latin to thrash to klezmer and back, often within the space of a few bars, the group veritably attacks their music with the kind of ferocity usually reserved for punk, despite having earned their jazz bona fides.

Admission to GROOVE/chill is \$10.00 payable at the door. More information is available online at www.statemuseumpa.org/groove-chill.html.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at 300 North Street, is one of 25 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trail of History®, administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6778 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984.

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