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THE LEVITT PAVILION FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
presents
SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY & THE ASBURY JUKES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 8PM

*“The World’s Greatest Bar Band” opens Blues, Views & BBQ Festival
Opening night sponsored by TD BANK*

“I’ve always wanted to be a Juke...and I still do” - Jon Bon Jovi

For immediate release: New Jersey Rhythm & Blues icon Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes open the 4th Annual Blues, Views & BBQ Festival on Friday, September 23rd at 8p.m. in a concert to benefit the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts, sponsored by TD Bank. Proceeds help underwrite the Levitt Pavilion’s free programming – more than 50 summer nights of free music and performance under the stars. The Blues, Views & BBQ Festival is presented by The Westport Downtown Merchants Association in association with The Levitt Pavilion.

Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes’ trademark exuberant rhythm and blues coupled with their legendary horn section and international reputation for sensational live concerts guarantee a no holds barred, good time rock and roll blues show. “There’s one thing I’ve always wanted to do,” Southside Johnny confesses, “and that is to sing.” And he has been doing just that for over a third of a century.

Johnny and the Jukes have flourished over the course of those three decades of recording and touring, solidifying a place in rock ‘n’ roll history with thirty-plus albums, several EPs and a box set; thousands of live performances around the globe; a legion of dedicated and enthusiastic fans; dozens of classic songs; a record—HEARTS OF STONE—that Rolling Stone called one of the “top 100 albums of the 70’s and 80’s”; and the story continues - the band released its newest studio album, PILLS AND AMMO, full of new material to rave reviews.

“I’ll stack my group against any group out there. We enjoy playing, and the audience enjoys having a good time. Music is a shared emotion. We distill it down to that.” When you distill Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, you come down to thirty-five years of great music and good times. . . and counting.

Tickets for Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes are General Admission, Lawn Seating (“BYO-blankets and lawn chairs”): \$35 advance, \$40 door; Students/Seniors (with valid I.D.): \$25 advance, \$30 door; kids 5-and-under: free; VIP: \$150, includes pre-concert cocktails & hors d’oeuvres plus VIP tent at concert with open bar. Coolers are allowed at the Pavilion Friday night; a select BBQ menu and bar (with valid I.D.) will be on site. 3-day Festival passes: \$55 advance, \$60 door; Students/Seniors: \$30 advance, \$35 door. **Tickets and passes on sale online at www.levittpavilion.com and by phone at 866-973-9612 (ext. 3).** **Tickets and passes available at the Pavilion Friday night: Gates open at 6:30pm. The Levitt Pavilion is located at 40 Jesup Road in downtown**

Westport, Connecticut. Advance tickets and passes are also available at the Pavilion Office (Parks & Recreation, 260 South Compo Road, Westport) weekdays from 8:30AM-4:00PM. For more info, call 203-221-2153 (concert hotline) or 203-226-7600.

More about Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes

Born and raised on the Jersey Shore, Southside caught the bug early: “I grew up on music. We listened to Billie Holiday, T-Bone Walker, Muddy Waters and Big Joe Turner. My parents loved music, the louder the better. My father played in bands for years, and my mother went into labor with me at some seedy New Jersey club. I guess some things were just meant to be.”

Southside (so nicknamed because of his bent toward the Blues sounds of the Southside of Chicago) started out singing and playing in a number of blues and R&B bands at the now legendary Upstage Club, often joined by pals Bruce Springsteen, “Miami Steve” Van Zandt, and Garry Tallent. Johnny & The Jukes grew their reputation as a dynamic live band through the late 60s and early 70s. “We built a big band, a home for lots of musicians, horns and all.” In 1975 they signed with CBS/Epic Records, released the critically acclaimed I DON’T WANT TO GO HOME, and a legend was begun. What followed has been over three decades of rock ‘n roll history.

In 1992, the band released the fan favorite BETTER DAYS album, which found Southside reunited with his original Asbury Park collaborators, Bruce Springsteen and Little Steven, and relative “newcomer,” Jon Bon Jovi. In 1999, he returned to recording on his own label, Leroy Records; the result was MESSIN’ WITH THE BLUES, a collection of old and new true-blues songs. Johnny and the Jukes have kept up the pace since GOING TO JUKESVILLE, the balls-to-the-wall, honest-to-goodness Jukes record in 2002; an introspective, soulful INTO THE HARBOUR in 2005; a live Internet stream of one of their legendary shows in 2008; a new live record of the legendary HEARTS OF STONE album in 2009; and PILLS AND AMMO, their new studio record released in 2010. Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes are brassing their way full steam ahead the same way they always have, with no holds barred, good time rock and roll.

The Blues, Views & BBQ Festival 2011 takes place Friday, September 23 – Sunday, September 25; the festival is presented by the Westport Downtown Merchants Association, with music co-presented by the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts. For more information visit www.bluesviewsbbq.com

The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts is dedicated to providing FREE and abundant access to the performing arts, presenting a dynamic constellation of established and emerging artists, and preserving a beautiful outdoor space where people of all ages and backgrounds are always welcome to enjoy the arts, enjoy nature, and enjoy each other.

Founded in 1973, The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts produces a unique open-air Summer festival located along the banks of the Saugatuck River in downtown Westport. The Summer Season runs over the course of 10 weeks, from late June through August, lighting up Fairfield County with almost **60 nights of FREE entertainment.** The Pavilion presents a vibrant range of music, featuring established and award-winning artists as

well as emerging ones, from local bands to national and international acts, plus a mix of other performing arts including dance and comedy. Every summer also includes the acclaimed Children's Series on Wednesdays; and for movers and shakers, there's RiverSwing – an annual series of six or more evenings sprinkled throughout the season on which the Pavilion offers free pre-concert dance lessons led by professionals in the style of the music about to be enjoyed.

Each summer, the Pavilion welcomes over 50,000 patrons from Fairfield County, over 30 neighboring communities and the Tri-State area. To date, the Pavilion has welcomed more than one million people – and counting. During the course of the year, the Levitt Pavilion produces a handful of ticketed events to help underwrite the cost of the free programming.

Publically enjoyed and privately funded, the Pavilion has been an anchor institution in the community for 38 years and counting and is supported through the generosity of corporate, foundation, and individual donations as well as services and support from the Town of Westport, Westport Parks & Recreation, and the State, including the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism. The Friends of the Levitt Pavilion, Inc., d/b/a The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

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