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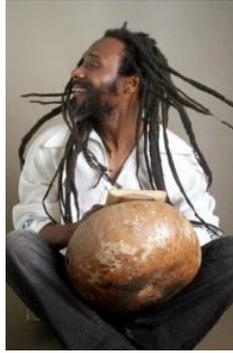
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Mathew Tembo

Mathew Tembo headlines free outdoor concert September 3

~Entertainment to include the Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra~

Mathew Tembo headlines the free September 3 Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series concert on the city's new green space at New York Avenue and Seventh Street. The evening's entertainment, which begins at 5 p.m., also includes ballroom dance lessons on the green and the Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra's first open air concert since the organization began almost 100 years ago.

Mathew Tembo is an award-winning Afro-pop musician hailing from Zambia in Southern Africa. Tembo's music fuses indigenous Zambian vibes with contemporary sounds to create a truly unique form. His compositions resound in upbeat, Afro-fusion, reggae-fueled songs featuring lyrics in various languages and instruments including the silimba (local marimba), kalumbu (one stringed instrument) and kalimba (thumb piano). Mathew is a trailblazer, going against the musical status quo in Zambia of computerized pop. He has shared the stage with world music stars Mulatu Estatke, 3Ma and Oliver Mtukudzi, and has collaborated with Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, the guitar-playing freedom-fighting first president of Zambia. Outside of Zambia, he has played in Malawi, Kenya, Tanzania, Holland, Denmark, Germany and the USA. He also hosts an annual music festival in Lusaka, Zambia called *Sing Our Own Song*, geared at promoting indigenous music.

Music and family friendly activities hosted by John Michael Kohler Arts Center and the Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra begin at 5 p.m. with an orchestral instruments "petting zoo." The Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series is hosting registration and the first stop for a night on the town with "Ladies Night Out" sponsored by Sheboygan Squared. Mathew Tembo takes the stage at 7 p.m. Concertgoers should bring blankets or chairs as seating is not provided. Food and beverages are available at the concert site. A variety of food trucks will be at the event, including the Culinary Art Car, which was created during a Connecting Communities collaborative project last summer.

More information about the complete Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series is available at concerts.levittamp.org/sheboygan or by calling the Arts Center at 920-458-6144.

The Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series is presented in partnership with the City of Sheboygan and Sheboygan Squared (www.harborcentre.com). The Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series is supported in part by Levitt Pavilions, the national nonprofit behind the largest free outdoor series in America. Dedicated to strengthening the social fabric of our communities, Levitt partners with cities to transform neglected public spaces into thriving destinations through the power of free, live music. In 2015, free Levitt concerts will take place in 16 cities across 14 states, all featuring a rich array of music genres and high caliber talent. In addition to Levitt AMP, Levitt forms the only national network of nonprofit outdoor music venues, each presenting 50+ free concerts every year. Learn more about locations and impact at www.levittpavilions.org.

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Mathew

Afro-pop musician Mathew Tembo will headline the September 3 Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series concert. (Photo courtesy of the artist.)

About the John Michael Kohler Arts Center: Founded in 1967, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center is dedicated to making innovative arts programming accessible to a broad audience that ranges from artists and academics to families and youth of all ages. Central to its mission is promoting understanding and appreciation of the work of self-taught and contemporary artists through original exhibitions, commissioned works of art, performing arts programs, community arts initiatives, and publications. The Arts Center's collections focus primarily on works by vernacular-environment builders, self-taught and folk artists, and works created in the Arts/Industry residency program.

Looking to the future, the Arts Center continues to generate new explorations in the arts that foster creative exchanges between an international community of artists and a diverse public, making real the power of the arts to transform lives and strengthen communities. The John Michael Kohler Arts Center is supported by corporate and foundation donors, government grants, and its many members. The Arts Center is not an entity of Kohler Co. or its subsidiaries. More information about the Arts Center can be found at jmkac.org.

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Arts Center Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Arts Center is open at other times for special events.