



Press Release

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Empty Canvas concert scheduled for September 9

MT. PLEASANT, Mi – Music lovers. Meet here. Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free performance by Empty Canvas scheduled for **6 p.m. Monday, September 9** at the Island Park Arts Pavilion. The event, sponsored by the **Mt. Pleasant Area Convention and Visitors Bureau**, is part of the Island Park Arts Pavilion Concert Series.

Empty Canvas is a unique combination of music and art. Artist Mike McMath, accompanied by his twin brother Scott on guitar, sings while painting a complete image. Empty Canvas performs a wide variety of music from Frank Sinatra to Jason Mraz; Led Zeppelin to Kings of Leon.

The Island Park Arts Pavilion project, in the works for four years, was completed in August and is the end result of Mt. Pleasant High School 2019 graduate, Taylor Idema's Girl Scout Gold Award Project. For the past few years Idema has been working with Chris Bundy, Mt. Pleasant Parks and Public Spaces Director to make this performing arts pavilion a reality.

More than \$200,000 was raised through grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2% Distribution, and generous donations from the Morey Foundation, W.E. Martin Fund of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, Isabella Bank, Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella Community Credit Union, Doug and Melissa LaBelle Family Foundation, Mercantile Bank of Michigan, City of Mt. Pleasant Parks Partnership Fund, United Way of Gratiot & Isabella Counties, Mt. Pleasant Jaycees, Mt. Pleasant Agency, Inc. – Central Insurance.

The newly constructed Island Park Arts Pavilion is located near Timbertown 2.0. For information on how to reserve the Island Park Arts Pavilion contact the Mt. Pleasant Parks & Recreation Office at (989) 779-5331. [#meetmtp](#)

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