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## LANSING JAZZFEST OFFERS FULL COMPLEMENT OF KIDS' ACTIVITIES

**Lansing, Mich. (July 1, 2011)** – Lansing JazzFest, held Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6, at the corner of Turner St. and E. Grand River Ave., has expanded its activities for children, new last year.

The “Kidz Beat” music tent, open 4-7 pm Friday and 1-7 pm Saturday, is designed to allow interactive music exploration for parents and children from toddlers to early teens.

Carrie Quisenberry, Kidz Beat area director, notes that “No musical talent is necessary – just a love of music and a willingness to have a little fun.”

Activities available include face painting, chalk art, crafting your own musical instruments, an “instrument petting zoo” provided by Meridian Winds on Friday and Elderly Instruments on Saturday, and performances that solicit active audience participation.

Friday at 5 pm, Okemos High School’s drumline will present an interactive drum experience targeted at kids age 3-11, allowing kids to play along in the drumline. Saturday at 3 pm, a drum circle targeted at kids age 3-11 will be presented. Other interactive experiences will be presented throughout the festival. Check [www.jazzlansing.com](http://www.jazzlansing.com) for the latest details!

Ride the river boat taxi to JazzFest on Saturday and take advantage of free rides for children 10 and under.

The Lansing JazzFest is a free community music festival, attracting attendees from across the city, state, and region. It is produced annually by the Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art (MICA), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that serves as a catalyst for community development through quality arts programming. JazzFest is still accepting volunteers. See [www.jazzlansing.com](http://www.jazzlansing.com) or call 517-371-4600 for more information.

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