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RIDE THE RIVER TO LANSING JAZZFEST

Lansing, Mich. (July 22, 2011) – Lansing JazzFest, held Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6 at the corner of Turner St. and E. Grand River Ave., invites attendees to take their riverboat taxi to the festival or take a brief tour during their time at JazzFest.

Lansing Metro Marinas will be giving half-hour tours of the Grand River on Friday from 5 to 9 pm. Festival goers can experience the new vibrant downtown Lansing developments and natural surroundings from the water. Tours are being offered at a discounted rate of \$3 per person and will depart from the dock at Burchard Park, next to the Brenke Fish Ladder.

Lansing Metro Marinas will also be running a taxi service Saturday from 2 to 10 pm from the Lansing City Market to Burchard Park, next to the Brenke Fish Ladder. Festival goers can ride to and from the festival on the scenic Grand River for \$1. Children 10 and under ride for free.

The taxi will depart from the Lansing City Market on the hour (:00) and from Old Town on the half hour (:30). Parking is available near the City Market at the Lansing Center and surrounding areas. Arrive to JazzFest in style!

“Community placemaking advocates encourage residents to make the most of the stunning riverfront – but most locals have never taken a trip down the Grand River to know what the riverfront has to offer,” says festival vendor coordinator Katie Kiter. “This service allows everyone to experience the river.

“Don’t be afraid to bring all your kids down to enjoy the river, the music and the Kidz Beat area – you can ride in and out Saturday for free.”

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 or call 517-371-4600 for more information.

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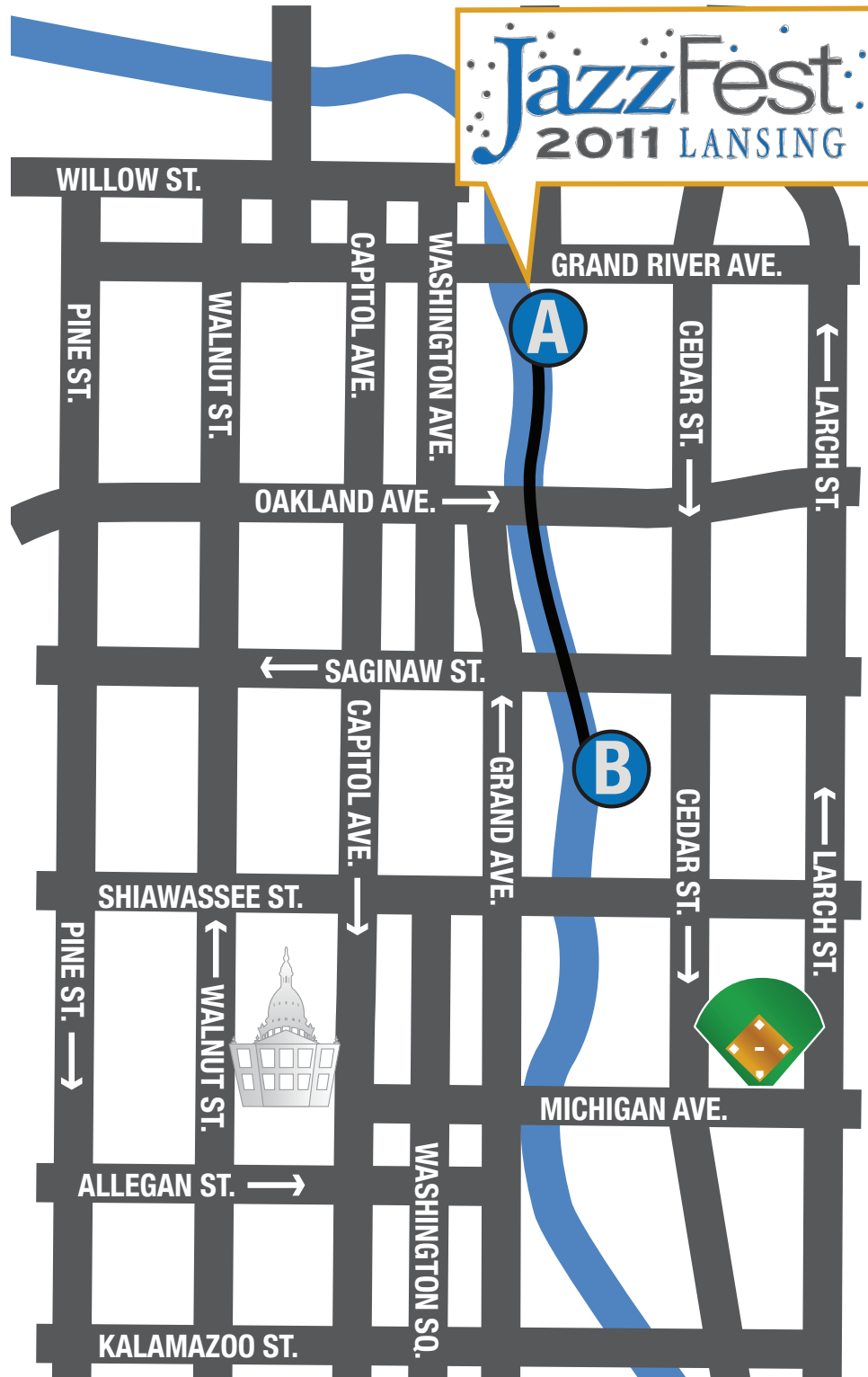
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River Boat Location Map



- A: Burchard Park, next to the Brenke Fish Ladder and the Lansing JazzFest site
- B: Lansing City Market