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Music Festival Returns to Waterfront for 6th Year **"6th Annual CQ Jam for WaterStep" to be Held at Captain's Quarters on September 9**

Louisville, KY (July 1, 2017) – The 6th Annual CQ Jam for WaterStep will be held at Captain's Quarters Riverside Grille, at 5700 Captain's Quarters Road in Prospect, on Saturday, September 9 from 2pm to 11pm. The fundraiser will benefit WaterStep, the local organization that works to save lives around the world with safe water, and will feature a performance by "The Gators" with lead singer of the Legacy Platters Lonza Bartlett and Motown artist AJ Mullins. The event has expanded this year to bring 9 full hours of music and entertainment to the waterfront, with doors opening at 2pm. The suggested donation is \$20 per person. For more information, call (502) 568-6342 or visit www.waterstep.org.

Also appearing will be Kentuckiana's newest and hottest bands including "The Dons" with a fast-paced and colorful set of great cover songs and family fun for all. Local singer-guitarist Jeff Walter will open the show, and The Moon Dogs and The Slyk Band will also perform.

The Platters were one of the most successful vocal groups of the rock-and-roll era with 40 singles in the Billboard Hot 100 from 1955 to 1967, including 4 number one hits. The Legacy Platters were formed in the early 1990's and now Lonza Bartlett has taken the center stage with this legendary group.

The Gators Show, formed by Bartlett and Mullins, is something very unique, especially if you like to dance to Michael Jackson, Prince, Bruno Mars, and Earth Wind and Fire. The Gators bring this renowned show north from Florida where it received critical acclaim. Joining Bartlett and Mullins on stage is instrumentalist Jordon Henry, who has developed a reputation as the one of the most skilled and versatile performers in the country.

"Having The Gators and their lineup of singers and performers means this will be one of the best entertainment shows in Louisville this season," says Andrew Masterson of Captain's Quarters. "We are so fortunate and excited to host this event and have them be a part of it."

New to the event this year will be performances by the Fleur-De-Lis Academy of Ballet of Louisville, performing to afro-Cuban, salsa, jazz, and modern styles of music throughout the day. Fleur-De-Lis Academy Director Ariadne McAuley noted, "We are excited to showcase the talents of our instructors and students at this amazing event on the Ohio River. WaterStep is such an important cause and we are proud to join in the efforts to make this a great event."

Attendees are also encouraged to bring their gently used shoes to the event to donate to WaterStep. The nonprofit's shoe program not only generates funds for the organization, but it also keeps tons of waste out of landfills by repurposing the shoes. Any size, style, and condition of shoes are accepted.

Huffman Automotive is the Premier Supporter of the event again this year. "We are grateful to the folks at Huffman Automotive who provide the support needed to raise important dollars for such an important and needed cause," says Masterson. "Although there will be much fun and good times on the river at the event, the end result is that lives will be saved through the funds raised."

About Lonza Bartlett of the Legacy Platters

The Legacy Platters were formed in the early 1990's by Wilson Williams. At the time Lonza Bartlett met Wilson, Bartlett was working his own Gospel label, Elanje Records, and projects with acclaimed gospel singer Kirk Franklin. Bartlett was an accomplished recording and performing Gospel singer, as well as a featured singer

for R&B, Soul and Motown performing groups in the East coast and toured Europe several times. A magic connection between Williams and Bartlett was formed, and although Bartlett was not even born when the Platters released several of their number one hits, he carries the torch for the music and the sound.

About Fleur-De-Lis

Fleur-De-Lis is Louisville's fastest growing and most dynamic dance academies. The focus is not on the teaching of ballet and dance, but rather on the building of self-esteem, self-worth, self-value, and self-discipline in each individual student. The Academy, located in the Mellwood Arts Center at 1860 Mellwood Avenue, Louisville, believes that the craft of dance is inspired within students' spirits and dedicated education is offered to all; regardless of age, ethnicity, socio-economic standing, creed, or physical form. To learn more, call 502-777-3551 or visit www.fdlacademy.com.

About WaterStep

WaterStep, headquartered in Louisville, KY, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that believes everyone should have access to safe water and that no one should suffer from waterborne illnesses. WaterStep implements water projects and equips people with tools and training in water purification, disaster relief, health education, and well repair. Since its founding in 1995, WaterStep has brought safe water to people in over 30 countries. To learn more, call (502) 568-6342 or visit www.waterstep.org.

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