

The Dead helps stock local food banks at Columbia Meadows show

The Conscious Alliance and The Dead will stage a large-scale food drive this summer, in conjunction with the Wave That Flag Tour. Food donations from the July 2 Columbia Meadows concert will benefit Columbia Pacific Food Bank, which provides food to Vernonia Cares and other emergency pantries, group homes, senior centers

and helping programs throughout Columbia County.

At every concert this summer, the first 1,000 people to donate ten non-perishable items will receive a free limited edition commemorative poster designed by famed Grateful Dead artist, Stanley Mouse.

Donation bins will be located outside of all main entrances at

Columbia Meadows. Here a volunteer will exchange a poster redemption coupon for your donation of one non-perishable item. Posters can be redeemed at the Conscious Alliance booth inside the show. The food drive will start two hours before doors open and end at the beginning of the first set. Donations of low-sodium

and health food-oriented products are especially encouraged.

"We are delighted to partner with the Conscious Alliance on this project and increase the amount of food," said Columbia Pacific Food Bank director Tracie Smith, "to provide our member agencies, as well as raise the profile of hunger alleviation programs in our community."

The Conscious Alliance is a grass-roots 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Boulder, Colo., that is working to help feed the hungry across the United States. The approach involves staging food drives to redirect the abundance and generosity that exists in music, art, and athletic communities. The plans are to continue running food drives

until a million pounds of food have been collected and, from there, a million pounds of donations per year.

For venue information, visit the official Dead web site at <www.dead.net>; for donation information see <www.consciousalliance.org>. For more information on the Columbia Pacific Food Bank, call 503-397-9708, in St. Helens.



Columbia Meadows 2004 shows

Some great shows are scheduled for this summer's offerings at Columbia Meadows, on Highway 30 near Deer Island. Included among the acts offered will be the following:

- The Warped tour, with tons of punk bands on July 11 from 1 to 9:00 p.m.
- Countryfest, with Keith Urban, Carolyn Dawn Johnson, Leanne Rimes, Restless Heart, Alex, and Ted Mann on July 24

from noon to 10:00 p.m.

- Rockfest on July 28 from noon to 11:00 p.m. This show has not been confirmed at this time.

- ZZ Top with special guests Cross Canadian Ragweed on August 3 from 8 to 11:00 p.m.

Tickets for all shows are available from Double Tee Concerts, call 503-221-0288 or visit their website at <www.doubletee.com>.

2004 Waterfront Blues Festival features Jonny Lang, Keb' Mo'

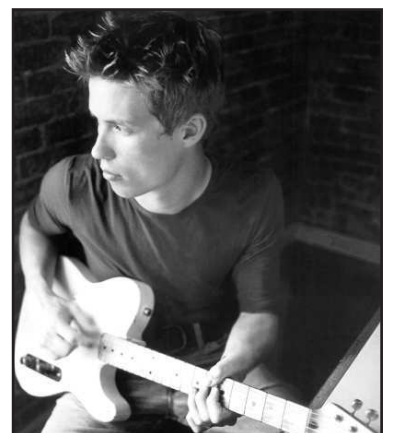
Grammy Award winning bluesman Keb' Mo' and Jonny Lang will headline the 2004 Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival. The 17th annual blues festival opens at noon on Friday, July 2, and concludes at 9:00 p.m., Monday, July 5, at Tom McCall Waterfront Park on the banks of the Willamette River in downtown Portland.

The second largest blues festival in the nation, the Waterfront Blues Festival annually attracts more than 120,000 fans from across the U.S. The festival offers close to 100 performances on four stages. This year's festival offers more workshops, more Blues Cruises on the "Portland Spirit," more films and more special programming than ever before, plus fabulous July 4 fireworks.

The 2004 Festival will celebrate the late Howlin' Wolf and spotlight the blues-based music of Louisiana and Texas.

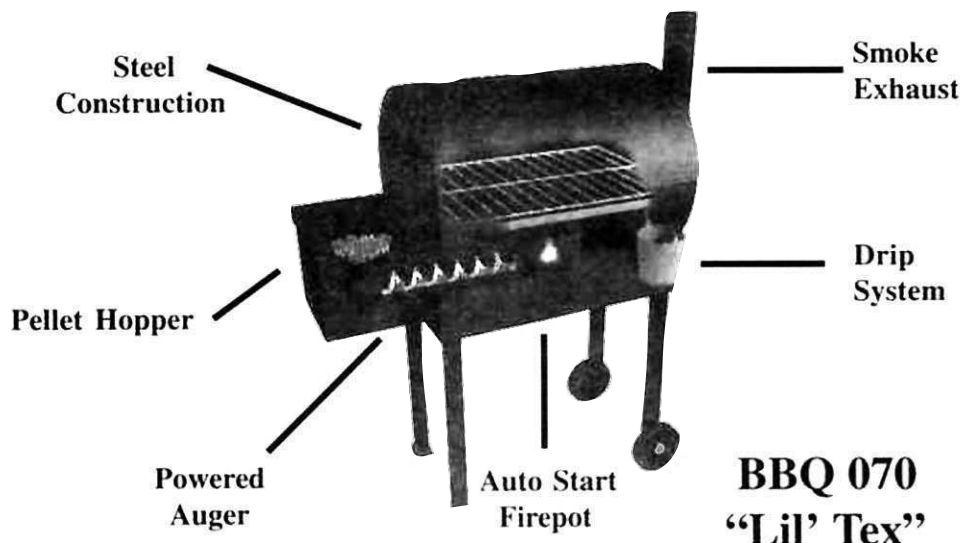
Admission is a daily donation per person of \$5 plus two cans of nonperishable food. The festival is the major annual fund-raiser for Oregon Food Bank.

For more information and schedules, visit the web site at <www.waterfrontbluesfestival.com> or call 1-503-973-FEST.



Jonny Lang will be among the performers at the 2004 Waterfront Blues Festival.

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