

Sample 2 songs from the BIG GIG musicians, read bios, check out band photos & buy tickets online at: www.RiverfrontAmphitheater.com/BIGGIG

It's time once again to bring local sound downtown! Alton Marketplace and Riverbender.com will host the second annual BIG GIG Local Music Show at Alton's Riverfront Amphitheater on Saturday, July 24 from 3pm to 11pm. Out of many impressive submissions, we chose a talented & diverse lineup that will make for an awesome concert! Get your \$10 advance tickets now, online at the address in the header or in person at the Jacoby Arts Center located at 627 East Broadway. One dollar from each ticket

sold will be donated to the Jacoby Arts Center to help advance their live music endeavors. Tickets may also be purchased at the gate on the day of the show for \$12. Bands will play 40-minute sets on the hour of their original music in a wide variety of

genres. Pay attention to the Alton Marketplace Facebook page - we will be announcing the time slot for each band this week! Food, beverage & merchandise vendors will be available on-site, so come early & stay late! Live local music continues into the night at the Big Gig After-Party hosted by Cobra Kai Entertainment at Mardi Krawlers, located at 300 State Street. Your Big Gig ticket stub will gain you free access into the after party.

The following St. Louis Metro area bands have been selected to perform their original music at the concert:

Audri & Aaron (Acoustic/Pop)
Building Rome (Alternative/Rock)
Devil Baby Freakshow (New Wave/Punk)
Red Card Royale (Rock/Funk)
Science Hill (Rock/Reggae/Jazz)
Hope & Therapy (Blues/Pop/Indie)
Ryan Rothe (Country)

Stars of Tomorrow
 Sponsored by Alton Little Theater & the Riverbender Community Center
A singing competition with CASH & PRIZES!

Drawing inspiration from the popularity of "American Idol" and "America's Got Talent", the Community Theater designed this program in part to help benefit the Riverbender Community Teen Center and the on-going community outreach programs that ALT conducts throughout the year.

Saturday, July 17-ALL DAY

Theater Audition at the Community Center (200 W. 3rd)
 For a \$5 registration fee you are entered into the competition & will receive a \$5 coupon for any regular season ALT show.

Saturday, July 24 @ 7pm

The top 20 performers will appear before a LIVE voting audience at the ALT Showplace (2450 N. Henry St.) . Audiences will choose which ten singers advance.

Saturday, July 31 @ 7pm

Final round to determine the winner of a free image makeover session courtesy of Fringe Salon, a professional photo shoot, and a grand prize of \$500.

Tickets are \$10 to the semi-finals and finals, come cheer on the contestants!

Additional information is available by calling 462-6562, or visiting www.altonlittletheater.org or www.Riverbender.com

Director's Note ~

Have you heard that THIRD THURSDAYS are now going to go year-round? A list of all participating shops that will be open until 8pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month will be shown on the "Events" page of our website, so check back in often to see the current offering of discounts, refreshments, prizes, raffles & more! This month, do a little shopping before you check out Aaron Kamm & the One Drops followed by Jake's Leg at the amphitheater.

Also on July 15th, a special weekend art exhibit begins at 515 E. 3rd St. This event is being hosted by our Artfully Alton committee to spur the development of an artist co-op studio & gallery in the space. Artists of any media who are interested in participating are encouraged to contact our office for more details. The exhibit will be held Thurs (7/15) 5-8pm, Fri (7/16) 5-8pm, and Sat (7/17) 2-5pm.



~ Sara



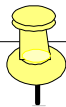
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vitality and aesthetic
quality of the district.



CELEBRATE

ON FRIDAY, JULY 2ND!

6:30pm—Join Mayor
Hoechst at a Ribbon
Cutting at the new
Pedestrian Bridge that
links walking & biking
traffic from Broadway
to Riverfront Park

6pm-Midnight—
Fireworks Festivities on
the Alton Riverfront!
Back In the Saddle will
play before the
fireworks display, and
Pepperland (a Beatles
tribute band) will
follow. Concessions
will be available on site.

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Gebbs Total Video—

Congratulations to Michael Gebben, who has been chosen to be a featured presenter at the Wedding & Event Videographers Association's "Wedding & Event Video Expo" at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Michael will speak on Same Day Edits, his niche technique where he takes footage from a daytime event and quickly creates a beautifully edited video to show that same evening. Other services include: video production, interactive CD & DVD development, film/tape transfers, CD/DVD duplication & more. Be sure to check out his blog for all the latest info:

gebbsvideo.blogspot.com
You can also see streaming video samples at:
www.GebbsTotalVideo.com

State Street Market—

Downtown's new Market at 208 State Street has been open for about

three weeks and the construction of its kitchen is scheduled to begin this week. Look for sandwiches and salads to be available by the end of July. The Market has been especially busy on Friday and Saturday mornings when shoppers have been taking home fresh bread from Companion Bakery of St Louis. French baguettes, Bavarian pretzel bread, scones and croissants have been especially popular according to owner Kary Lockwood. For more info please call: 462-8800

By Design—

Lillian Bates is announcing the opening of the Gallery of By Design with her first show on Friday, July 9. The three woman show, "Varied Perspectives", is just that: a perspective of 3 artists and full of surprises! Please join Lillian for the opening reception on Friday, July 9 from 5-9pm at 136 Front St. in Alton. For more info, please call 618-433-1400.

Also make sure to check out

By Design's redesigned web-site & fabulous videos:
www.lillianbydesign.com

Andy's Auto Body and Car Care—

Join Andy's Auto Body for their 4th annual golf tournament on Sat, July 24th to support the 5A's Animal Shelter. The tournament is at Spencer T. Olin Golf Course, and registration starts at noon. The cost will be \$300 per team of 4 or \$75 per player. \$10K hole-in-one prize! Please call 465-7006 for more info.

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Community Center—

Are you racking your brain for something new? "CUE IT UP", an all-day Eight Ball Tournament, Billiard Instruction, and Trick Shot Exhibition will be held on July 10th, starting at 11am. Registration for the tourney is \$10 per person, general admission is \$5, pasta dinner is \$5. To register, please call 465-9850 ext. 212 or email michelle@riverbender.com

A creative new use of an existing storefront – JMC DESIGN...and now...GALLERY!

JMC Design has been an existing interior design business across from the Post Office for many years, and now the storefront is taking on a new life as an art gallery / retail space!

JMC Design—Gallery will feature locally created artwork, currently:

Sarah Ansell – stained glass, Sara McGibany – beaded earrings, bracelets and necklaces,
Rob Thornberry – mixed media original framed art, Bob Gillingham – enhanced photography,
Gene Ursprung – water color paintings & hand enhanced photographs

The gallery will also be offering Fair Trade items from Peru, along with essential oils and aromatherapy products including diffusers for the home and auto.

Please watch for the "OPEN" sign & feel free to stop in for a look around this new, unique place to consider when needing a gift that's out of the ordinary and refreshing!

Stop by 726 Belle St. & chat with Jeanie about the wonderful health benefits of Aromatherapy.

For more information, please contact: 463-0566 or jmcdesign@charter.net