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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Grand Concert Series debuts R&B on the Grand**

**Lansing, Michigan – July 12, 2017** – The Grand Concert Series is in full swing this summer. Thornetta Davis and MSU Professors of Jazz performed in June, and Detroit R&B artist, Alise King, is scheduled to perform tonight. The concerts take place twice a month at 6:30 pm on the lower riverfront plaza of the Lansing City Market, weather permitting. Tonight's concert has been moved inside, due to weather. Admission is free.

Tonight's headliner is Detroit native, Alise King. Better known as The Soulful D.I.V.A., King is an award-winning powerhouse vocalist with impeccable stage presence. King has received recognition as a winner of the Detroit Stars Singing Competition, the Detroit BET Apollo Live contest, and more. She has opened for funk legend George Clinton & Parliament Funk, CeCe Peniston, Bobby Brown, Kelly Price, Chante Moore, Klymaxx, Dru Hill, Next and The Emotions. King has also performed at some of Detroit's most popular and prestigious venues and festivals and is currently touring numerous states during the summer of 2017.

Kiara Atkins will be opening for King. Atkins is 18 years old and a recent graduate of Wayne Memorial High School in Westland, Michigan. She will be attending Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio in the fall, majoring in music performance and education. Born and raised in Lansing, Michigan, Atkins is the youngest of five daughters. "I have been singing since I could talk," said Atkins. "Music is my life and I cannot see myself doing anything else."

The headliners for the remaining Grand Concert Series dates include gospel jazz group, Horn & Holland, on July 20<sup>th</sup>; local blues band, Root Doctor, on August 9<sup>th</sup>; blues/rock band, Pat Zelenka Line, on August 16<sup>th</sup>; local blues band, Frog & The Beeftones on September 6<sup>th</sup>; and jazz flutist Brandon Marceal on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

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"We are proud to announce the expansion of the concert series on the Grand, to not only include more shows, but more artists and genres of music," said LEPFA president and CEO, Scott Keith. "These great artists performing all summer long not only provide entertainment, but experiences in the arts for the children who attend."

City Market merchants will remain open throughout each concert, some with refreshments for sale. Limited seating is available. Guests are encouraged to bring camp chairs to the concerts held outdoors.

"I really enjoy the Grand Concert Series for after work entertainment," said Lansing resident, Jenny Schu. "There's plenty of room for a large crowd where everyone can see and hear the music, dance, or hang out with friends at the Waterfront."

The Grand Concert Series is sponsored by LAFCU, Wolverine Development, Forsberg Real Estate Company, and WKAR.

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**About the Lansing City Market** Lansing City Market was established in 1909. The urban market is home to a variety of merchants offering artisan cheese, specialty foods, gifts, flowers, jewelry, kayaking, biking, and a full bar and restaurant experience on the riverfront. Hours for the year-round market are: Tuesday – Friday 10 am – 6 pm.; Saturday 9 am – 5 pm. For more information, visit the Lansing City Market website.

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