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Funk finale fires up downtown Richmond

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Richmond Main Street Initiative (RMSI) marked the culmination of its summertime concert series "Music on the Main" at **The Lot** in downtown Richmond Thursday night.

The free downtown gathering brought out hundreds of people for live music, food, local business vendors and community camaraderie. Beaufunk's mix of West Coast funk, R&B and soul ignited the dance floor.

Earlier incarnations of Music on the Main this summer featured headliners Red Kicks Krewe in July and Andre Thierry Accordion Soul Music in June. All bands selected for the event are "hyper local" from Richmond or right in the neighborhood, according to RMSI Executive Director Sarah Wally.

Thursday night's crowd included Wally, Beatriz Dominguez from RMSI, and Tiffany Harris of the Bay Area Girls Club. Tamara Shiloh of the Multicultural Bookstore was also on site selling a wide selection of books, while Tom Cloman from the Richmond Farmers Market Association was on hand to enjoy the tunes.



RMSI enjoyed “great attendance through all of our summer concert series,” Wally said, pointing out that this was the nonprofit’s third Music on the Main event this season ahead of its 20th anniversary next year. She added that this summer’s Spirit & Soul festival drew roughly 1,700 attendees.

The Lot’s food vendors were in their usual spots, serving an international mix of cuisine, while RMSI was offering drinks from its own beverage tent that included margaritas, beer and wine. The community events wouldn’t be possible without sponsor support, said Wally. “We’ve had great sponsors this year, and we still have three more events to go.”

Those events include the Halloween Stroll Oct. 29 at The Lot, Downtown Small Business Saturday Nov. 28, and the Downtown Holiday Festival with the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts Dec. 8, where they give away “500 stuffed gift bags to kids.”

“We’ve been able to get the word out that things are happening in downtown Richmond,” said Wally.

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