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SWING, BIG BAND AND JAZZ IN THE PARK

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—Return to the 30s, 40s, and 50s when Blue Sky 5 takes the stage in Morgan Arts Council’s Summer Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 4.

This five-member ensemble keeps a traditional feel while adding to the classic repertoire of American swing and small group jazz by writing original music with their own authentic sound.

According to the band’s website, “if you know how to lindy hop, watch TCM for fashion ideas in your wardrobe, appreciate style that never goes out of style, and listen to music from the era after prohibition and before rock and roll, then this band is for you!”

Bandleader Craig Gildner is joined by tenor saxophonist Tommy Greco, trumpeter Brett Lemley, bassist James Fowler and drummer Greg Williams; clarinetist-saxophonist Halley Shoenberg “helps round out the ensemble’s thoroughly affectionate, finger snapping take on yesterday.”

All concerts start at 5:30 p.m. The Ice House, corner of Independence and Mercer, two blocks north of the park, serves as the rain location. Sponsors for the series are Atasia Spa, Best Western Berkeley Springs Inn, Heath Studio Gallery, Lot 12 Public House and The Naked Olive, with additional support from the National Endowment for the Arts, West Virginia Commission on the Arts and local hotel-motel tax revenues.

The 32-year-old free concert series continues Saturdays through August 19. For detailed information on the concert series and participating performers, visit macicehouse.org or call 304-258-2300.