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Wicked Liz & Bellyswirls



Alex Williams



Press Play

Xtream Rock Island Grand Prix powered by Mediacom outlines weekend entertainment for 25th anniversary

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – The Xtream Rock Island Grand Prix powered by Mediacom has announced another stellar entertainment weekend will be on hand for race teams and spectators visiting this year. As the event celebrates its 25th year, nightly entertainment has always been a hallmark of the world’s largest karting street race held in the downtown Arts & Entertainment District.

Grand Prix weekend kicks off this year on Thursday evening, August 29 from 7-9 p.m. at the stage at the Schweibert Riverfront Park featuring one of the Quad-Cities most popular acts, Wicked Liz and the Bellyswirls, sponsored by the Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department. No admission charged.

The Iowa-based band has toured much of the country with regular performances between Indianapolis and Omaha and has built a solid fan base. With 3 independently released albums and a high-energy live show led by a charismatic front woman, Wicked Liz & the Bellyswirls have distinguished themselves as one of the Midwest's hardest working bands.

Friday night's entertainment moves to the popular Plaza stage where the Rock Island Brewing Company will host country singer-songwriter Alex Williams as part of his nationwide tour, with an opening act at 8 p.m. Gate is \$12 and you must be over 21.

Saturday night's always-popular show on the Plaza stage features Press Play, a Stone Temple Pilots tribute band, and Chained Alice, an Alice in Chains tribute show. Show starts at 9 p.m. with \$10 admission and you must be 21 or over.

Also on Saturday, August 31, Wake Brewing Co., a craft brewer located at 2529 Fifth Avenue about one mile east of the race course, will hold its Second Anniversary Bash from 2 to 10 p.m. The free show will feature Oozing Wound, The Munsens, Druids, Cloud Cruiser, Closet Witch and sideshow feats by The Swami. You must be 21 or older to attend.

Also on Friday, Rozz Tox café, bar and performance venue, located on 2108 Third Avenue about 2 blocks east of the track, will feature Tommy Ahzia, Poolboy, Zachreb, Mill City Mob and Xandrew hosted by Lil Mark. Admission is free and doors open at 8 p.m. with the show starting at 9 p.m. On Saturday, Rozz Tox will feature The Common Faces, John June Year and Foxholes. Doors open at 8 and show at 9 p.m. with \$5 admission.

Also on Saturday night, Billy Bob's Redneck Party Bar on Second Avenue, just east of the Plaza stage, will feature Broseph from Nashville at 9 p.m. You must be 21 to enter.

And Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, located at Turn 4, will feature the hilarious whodunit comedy/mystery "Sheer Madness." Sheer Madness takes place in a hair salon and is chock full of up-to-the-minute spontaneous humor. A murder is committed and the audience gets to spot the clues, question the suspects, and solve the funniest mystery. The outcome is never the same. Friday and Saturday doors open at 5:45 p.m. and Sunday at 3:45 p.m.. Advance tickets are suggested and are \$53.55 which includes dinner.

Comedy Sportz, the comedy club located on the track, has closed.

Sponsors for this year's event include: Mediacom, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Hoosier Tires, LeCont Tires, Gett Industries, Briggs & Stratton Racing, Modern Woodmen Financial/ Joseph W. Schurr financial rep., CBS TV4 / Fox 18 and CW, Schurr Power Racing Engines, RLV Tuned Exhaust, Sunbelt Rentals, AMT Ambulance, Johannes Bus Service, The Dispatch-Rock Island Argus-QC Online.com, Holiday Inn Rock Island, eKartingnews.com, Courtesy Car City, Gas & Electric Credit Union, Rogan Scale, Triple E Sales, Curry's Transportation, Miller Trucking and Excavating, Brenny's Motorcycle Center, Hiland Toyota, QC Gearheads, RIGP Corner Workers,

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