

## 29th Annual Dancin' in the Streets a big success!

STUART, Fla. - Historic Downtown Stuart was transformed for a night of music, entertainment and of course - dancing on Sat., Aug. 20. Thousands flooded the streets for the beloved music festival, featuring five stages and over twenty bands, street performances, vendors, food & drink and more!

Attendees enjoyed the music of local fan favorites, like Moska Project, The Nouveaux Honkies, Ben Prestage and more. National headliners The Outlaws played a packed house at The Lyric Theatre.

"In addition to being a box office success, the crowd LOVED the high energy show!" said Dancin' in the Street's Entertainment Chair Ron Hart. "The whole house was standing with people storming the stage and filling the aisles while pumping their fists!"

Dancin' in the Streets began in the summer of 1987, when a call was made to community leaders from the Stuart/Martin Chamber of Commerce to brainstorm a fundraising event that would keep the newly established Stuart Main Street program alive.

Twenty-nine years later Downtown Stuart is thriving and Dancin' in the Streets has turned into a celebration for the entire community. The event also raises funds to provide free events throughout the year like Christmas on Main Street, Rockin' Riverwalk and Hobgoblins.

This year, event organizers wanted to use the well-attended festival to bring attention to another important cause - the water issues plaguing the St. Lucie River Lagoon estuary. Local environmental organizations were invited to attend the event and received a free booth space, and volunteers from Florida Oceanographic, the Rivers Coalition and more were able to educate visitors and gain support for the health of the estuary.

"Every year we strive to build upon the tradition of Dancin' in the Streets and deliver an amazing evening of live music, dancing, talent and community spirit," said event chair Bill Moore. "This year was a great example of the community camaraderie that makes our town so special - the energy and enthusiasm we see at Dancin' each year brings life to downtown in the summer months and has us all excited to start planning next year's event."

Dancin' in the Streets is presented by the Downtown Business Association and Stuart Main Street and is sponsored by Mark Brechbill, PLLC, Seacoast Bank, Coast 101.3, Bud Light, Mulligan's Beach House, Seacoast Bank, Sneaki Tiki and Martin Health Systems.

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