

## Golden Belt announces summer concert series

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Kim Arrington will bring her Neo Soul stylings to the Golden Bel summer concert series Friday, June 21.

Golden Belt will celebrate its fifth anniversary with a series of free outdoor concerts beginning Friday, May 17.

While technically Golden Belt is more than 100 years old (the campus is a restored textile mill) the concert series celebrates Golden Belt's development into one of the coolest places in Durham.

The GB Live concert series lineup includes:

- Hammer No More The Fingers (Rock) – Friday, May 17
- Michael Rank & Stag (Honky Tonk/Americana) – Friday, June 7
- Kim Arrington (Neo Soul) – Friday, June 21
- The Brand New Life (Afropop) – Friday, July 5
- Justin Johnson and Skinny Bag Of Sugar (Blues/Rock) – Friday, July 19

“Golden Belt has always been a very community-focused place,” says Gary Kueber, Scientific Properties’ CEO. “When this anniversary rolled around we knew we wanted to celebrate in a way that is consistent with the overall spirit of Golden Belt. A free concert series where everyone can come and hear great local artists play and enjoy everything Golden Belt has to offer seemed fitting.”

The series is being organized by Tess Mangum Ocaña, owner of Sonic Pie Productions.

“This line up not only reflects the live-loving diversity and musical tastes of Durham, they’re also some of the hottest bands in the Triangle,” she said. “Wait until you hear The Brand New Life’s horn section. They’re tight, and make you want to dance.”

Golden Belt officially opened in its current incarnation as a retail, arts, office, and residential multi-use center on Third Friday of July 2008. Throughout its five-year history, Golden Belt has made quality visual and performance art accessible and affordable to the public; most public exhibits and events on campus are free, and the GB Live concert series continues that tradition.

Concerts start at 6 p.m. and will be held in Golden Belt’s front parking lot, 807 E. Main St. Free parking is available in the back parking lot (please park only in unmarked spaces).

Golden Belt is stop 16 on the Bull City Connector, the fare-free bus that connects Ninth Street, Duke University and downtown, to Golden Belt. NCCU students and faculty can ride Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA) Route 5 buses to downtown, for free, by showing valid university I.D.

In case of rain, concerts will be moved indoors. GB Live is made possible in part by Blend Café, Dogstar Tattoo, Liberty Arts & Tess Mangum Ocaña of Sonic Pie Productions.

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