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BLNA makes **FIRST Line-up Announcement** for “B.A.C.K the Beach” Concert at Kew Sunday September 7, 2008!!

Toronto – July 16, 2008: The Beach Lakefront Neighbourhood Association Inc. is proud to announce that the Toronto folk-rockers **The Skydiggers** will be performing at our September 7th “B.A.C.K. the Beach” concert in Kew Gardens which will run from 11am to 6pm.

Formed in 1987 by singer Andy Maize and guitarist Josh Finlayson, The Skydiggers are a rootsy band who made their mark in the mid 90’s with Songs such as ‘I Will Give you Everything’. They will feature songs from their seventh studio album, *City of Sirens* with a core line-up of Andy Maize (vocals), Josh Finlayson (guitars, keyboards, vocals), and Ron Macey (bass) augmented by Michael Johnston on keyboards and vocals, and drummer Noel Webb. “Toronto’s greatest strength is the neighbourhoods, so it’s important in developing the city, that we make sure to preserve the character of those neighbourhoods.” (Andy Maize).

Joining the Skydiggers is the virtuoso composer and pianist **Stephan Moccio**, who makes the Beach his home. He has written songs for artists such as Céline Dion (“A New Day Has Come”), Sarah Brightman (“What You Never Know”) and Josh Groban (“My Heart Was Home Again”). “I’m a Beacher, I support the cause and I look forward to playing my song entitled *Neville Park*, which is featured on my latest album *Exposure*.”(Stephan Moccio).

There will be an exciting and diversified collection of musical acts, including the legendary Canadian rock group **Fludd**, the energized blues group **The Mississippi Hippies** and sultry jazz performer **Karina Zorn** with special guest **Guido Basso**. Contributing to this lineup, are the local funk group **Funktagon**, spirited **Revival Dear** and **The Peirson Ross Band** who have already captured the hearts of our Beach communities. Also appearing, is Brazilian Samba Percussion group **Batucada Carioca**, who promise to get the crowd going!

The BLNA would like to acknowledge all of the support from the Beach community and beyond. It will be a lively and unforgettable show!

What: Beach Awareness Concert in Kew

When: Sunday September 07, 2008

Where : Kew Gardens Park

Time: 11am to 6pm

Further press releases will follow.

Please check the BLNA website for regular updates and historical information at www.blna.net