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Downtown Berkeley Association and CORNERSTONE Announce CORNERFEST A Live Music Festival During Sunday Streets Berkeley, June 3rd

(Berkeley, CA) – The Downtown Berkeley Association (DBA) in a partnership with Cornerstone Berkeley, will debut the first ever Cornerfest live music festival as part of the Sunday Streets Berkeley on June 3rd from 11am – 4pm.

Designed to be a quarterly free live musical event at Cornerstone in Downtown Berkeley, Cornerfest will showcase bands on three stages including inside the venue as well as on Durant Avenue that will be closed to traffic for the afternoon. Each **Cornerfest** will feature a musical educational organization or non-profit.

With more live music venues than most Bay Area cities of its size, Downtown Berkeley is quickly becoming a live music destination. In the short year that Cornerstone has been open in Downtown Berkeley, it has quickly become a top Bay Area musical destination for touring bands and live music fans of all ages and musical persuasions. Not only is Cornerstone a destination for live music but it also features a full bar with over 40 beers on tap and kitchen creating a menu of elevated pub fare.

According to John Caner, CEO, DBA, "Berkeley has always been in the center of the Bay Area music. It's high time we have our own regular live musical event that's free and open to everyone. We are so happy to have neighbors like The Cornerstone that feel the same way!"

According to Alex Popov, Owner of Cornerstone, "We know live music better than most and It's very exciting to be able to partner with the DBA and create something special that is uniquely Berkeley and celebrates live local music!"

June 3rd Cornerfest Line-Up

On the outdoor stage 11am-4pm:

The Coffis Brothers & The Mountain Men are a rootsy rock n' roll band born and raised in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Influenced by those early surroundings, songwriters Jamie and Kellen Coffis' blend of folk, blues, R&B and straight-ahead rock is evidence an upbringing spent listening to all of the right records from Tom Petty, Neil Young, and The Beatles.

Whiskerman Lush instrumentation combined with front man Graham Patzner's profound lyricism and unflinching delivery culminate in a sound that is soulful, mythical, and raw. Patzner's voice, both smokey and soaring, leads a passionate live show as the band's classic rock sound seamlessly cascades through realms of bluesy devotion, psychedelic melancholy, and twangy celebration. Whiskerman's shows tend to set spells, either sweeping the audience up in revelation, or dropping them into knee-slapping frenzy.

Inside Big Stage 11am – 4pm:

<u>Bandworks</u> is an educational music organization offering regular music classes and summer music camps for kids 8-18 years old interested in music and being in a band! Financial aid is available. Bandworks will be featuring a steady stream of bands featuring students and teachers as part of their annual Summer Rock Festival.

Inside Bar/Dining Stage 11am - 6pm:

Assorted Djs will be hitting the decks promptly at 11am.

Sunday Streets After Party: 11am - 6pm:

Cornerstone will also be hosting the Sunday Streets After Party featuring <u>Blackalicious</u> doors at 6pm.

<u>Cornerstone Berkeley</u> 2367 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704 Expansive, multi-faceted beer hall & American kitchen with live music, ping pong & outdoor seating.

<u>The Downtown Berkeley Association</u> is an independent nonprofit organization, funded by Downtown property owners, and focused on creating a welcoming, vibrant and prosperous City Center.