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Olivia Newton-John among entertainers headlining 2012 Market Days

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2012 Market Days entertainment schedule released

CHICAGO, IL -- Olivia Newton-John is coming to the Northalsted Market Days festival taking place August 11 and 12 in Chicago's Boystown neighborhood.

Four-time grammy winner Newton-John has been an idol on sound and screen over the last four decades. Best known for her singing and acting roles in *Grease* and *Xanadu*, in addition to recent appearances on *Glee* and *Sordid Lives*, she has had an illustrious career on the pop and country vocal scene with chart-topping songs like "Physical," "I Honestly Love You," and "Have You Never Been Mellow."

Earlier this year, Newton-John, who has been a long-time friend to the LGBT community, publically declared her support in favor of marriage equality in Australia.

"We are thrilled with our performer line-up this year," Market Days chairman and owner of the The Gourmet Grape Jeff Durbin told ChicagoPride.com. "It is always a challenge to find the right mix of entertainment, this year, I believe we have knocked it out of the ballpark."

More than 40 artists will perform on the festival's four stages, including music legends The Pointer Sisters and Sheena Easton, gay crooner Levi Kreis, Pussy Cat Doll Jessica Sutta, Karmin, Eric Himan and local favorites 16 Candles and Dot Dot Dot.

"The schedule has something for everyone," said Durbin.

The 31st annual Northalsted Market Days, which spans six city blocks between Belmont Avenue and Addison along Halsted St., is the largest two-day street fair in the Midwest and a premiere event for both locals and tourist alike.

The event runs 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. both Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12, 2012.

Market Days 2011 photos:
Gallery One | Gallery Two | Gallery Three | Gallery Four | Gallery Five

Saturday, August 11

North Stage - Rivers Casino Stage
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Levi Kreis
5:45-6:25 p.m.
Jessica Sutta
7-7:30 p.m.
Wynter Gordon
9:05-9:50 p.m.
The Pointer Sisters

Roscoe Stage
12:30-1:30 p.m.

He Said, She Said
2:00-3:00 p.m.
He Said, She Said (second set)
3:45-4:30 p.m.
Isaiah Grass
5:30-6:45 p.m.
Abba Salute
7:40-8:40 p.m.
Eric Hinman
9:10-9:55 p.m.
Jessie and the Toy Boys

Belmont Stage
12:30-1:30 p.m.
Comasoft
2:15-3:15 p.m.
The Wanton Looks
3:30-3:50 p.m.
Chicago Spirit Brigade
4:00-5:00 p.m.
The Handcuffs
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Dot Dot Dot
8:15-9:45 p.m.
Lez Zeppelin

Jazz Stage
1:30-3:00 p.m.
Lucy Smith Quartet
3:45-5:15 p.m.
Red Hot Riot
6:00-8:30 p.m.
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Sunday, August 12

North Stage - Rivers Casino Stage
3:00-3:45 p.m.
Mia Martina
5:00-6:15 p.m.
Adam Barta/Matt Zarley
7:15-8:00 p.m.
Karmin
9:05-9:45 p.m.
Olivia Newton-John

Roscoe Stage
12:15-2:00 p.m.
A Thousand Julys
2:15-2:35 p.m.
Windy City Cowboys
2:50-4:20 p.m.
The Personnel
4:30-4:45 p.m.
Chicago Spirit Brigade
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Sheena Easton
7:45-9:45 p.m.
16 Candles

Belmont Stage
12:30-1:30 p.m.
Almost Famous
1:50-2:50 p.m.
Almost Famous
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Kimi Hayes
5:15-6:30 p.m.
Planet Claire (B52's Tribute Band)
7:30-8:45 p.m.
Don't Speak (No Doubt Tribute Band)
9:10-9:50 p.m.
Paris Bennett

Yoshi Stage
1:30-2:15 p.m.
Soulio
2:30-3:15 p.m.
Soulio
3:50-5:20 p.m.
Stache
6:00-8:30 p.m.
Lil Ricki and the Licorice Sticks