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Don't miss free Concerts on Broadway performance this Saturday in Meridian

The second in the free Concerts on Broadway music series sponsored by the Meridian Downtown Business Association will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Meridian City Hall's outdoor plaza at 33 E. Broadway Ave. in downtown Meridian.

Tacoma, Wash.-based trumpeter Rich Wetzel will play high-energy jazz music, backed by a band of local and regional jazz performers. Wetzel is regarded in music circles as a powerful high-note specialist.

While limited seating is available in the plaza's built-in amphitheatre, attendees are welcome to bring folding chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets to the concert.

Meridian Mayor Tammy de Weerd noted that the "Kings of Swing" concert that kicked off the summer series last month "literally had audience members up on their feet and dancing in the plaza."

"We knew that our new outdoor plaza and amphitheatre would be a great public performance space, but we had no idea just how terrific it would be. It's ideal for these types of performances," de Weerd said.