

NEWS RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 24, 2014

Aziza Jackson
Public Information Officer
City of Anniston
Office: (256) 231-7722
Cell: (256) 689-5479
ajackson@anniston.al.gov

Atlanta Rhythm Section to perform at Model City Music Festival

Anniston's Model City Music Festival is set to kick off at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3 at Zinn Park with legendary band Atlanta Rhythm Section headlining for the evening.

The music festival is in its third year and is a joint effort between the City of Anniston, festival organizers Larry May and Robert Jackson, and local sponsors.

"Every time we have tried to make it better than the last," said Larry May. "And we've always tried as hard as we could to hit every genre."

May also owns "CD Cellar," a record store in Anniston, and said that he and Jackson always try to appeal to a broad base when selecting bands for the festival.

According to May, one particular genre that always hits a high note is R&B.

"From owning a record store, something I know is that if I put on something like 'Earth, Wind & Fire'—everybody likes it," May said.

"That's why with Atlanta Rhythm Section, if you listen to these guys, there are some jazz elements in there, there are some pop elements in there, and it's stuff that got played on the radio in the 70s and 80s along with The Ohio Players, The Bar-Kays, The Gap Band, and Lynard Skynard."



Festival attendees can expect a family-friendly environment with more security and police presence this year.

There will be a VIP area for sponsors and donors at the historic Anniston Inn Kitchen, and an information tent all festival attendees are encouraged to visit.

Beer, wine, soft drinks and water will be available for purchase at the event. Therefore, no coolers will be allowed upon entrance. Tickets to buy beverages will be available for purchase at the Unity House located at the southwest corner of Zinn Park (13th Street and Moore Avenue).

“I just want this to be something that everybody enjoys even if they’ve never heard of Atlanta Rhythm Section; even for the deepest guy who loves Miles Davis and thinks ‘There’s nothing there for me,’ that’s the person that I want to come,” May said.

“I want to make sure that that guy gets to go home raving, and go ‘I can’t believe this happened in my hometown.’”

The City of Anniston

Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in northeast Alabama, Anniston sits as the county seat for Calhoun County and a regional hub for legal, medical, and banking services. Home to the bronze-level mountain bike ride center of Coldwater Mountain, Anniston offers a wide range of recreational options such as biking the Chief Ladiga Trail or visiting the Anniston Museum of Natural History. For more information about the City of Anniston, visit anniston.al.gov.