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**Downtown Street Closures Announced as Oakland Preps for Blockbuster Art & Soul**

OAKLAND, Calif. (August 16, 2011) – In preparation for the City of Oakland’s 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Soul Festival, event organizers will close a few streets in downtown Oakland. The majority of the street closures will begin at **10 a.m. on Friday, August 19, 2011**, with the closure of **14<sup>th</sup> Street** between Broadway and Martin Luther King Jr. Way, **12<sup>th</sup> Street** between Broadway and Jefferson Street, **Clay Street** between 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> streets and **Jefferson Street** from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> streets. A one-block section of Clay Street from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> streets will be closed beginning at **9 a.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2011**. These streets will re-open in time for the morning commute on Monday, August 22, 2011.

All downtown parking garages will remain open and accessible on Thursday, August 18, and Friday, August 19. AC Transit riders are encouraged to check bus stops for detour information.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Soul Festival will encompass 10 city blocks in and around Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and City Center. In addition to great live music, the event features artisan booths, scores of food vendors and the ever-popular **Family Fun Zone** with pint-sized rides, roaming characters, hands-on activities and much more. Since launching in 2000, the festival has attracted more than 250,000 people to downtown Oakland and has helped fuel the growth of downtown – particularly the Uptown district – as a nationally-recognized dining destination and arts & culture hotspot.

Taking BART directly to Art & Soul Oakland is a great way to avoid traffic. The festival is directly accessible via the 12<sup>th</sup> Street/City Center BART station. For those that choose to drive, there is free parking for hundreds of cars in the City Center West parking garage at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

Previously announced performers for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Soul Festival include **Five for Fighting, Tower of Power, Marc Broussard, Goapele, Shawn Mullins, Vicci Martinez, Mingus Amungus, Kristi Martel, Tess & Hip Trash, the Kev Choice Ensemble, Marvin Holmes & the Uptights** and more. The ever popular **Gospel Showcase** on Saturday will have more than a dozen performances. Sunday’s **Dance Stage** celebrates the many styles of dance through the ages from the Lindy Hop to Turf which originated in Oakland.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Soul Festival runs from Noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 20, and Sunday, August 21. Advance tickets, available online at [ArtandSoulOakland.com](http://ArtandSoulOakland.com), are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors (65+) and youth (ages 13-17) and free for kids 12 and under. Tickets at the gate will cost \$15 for adults, \$8 for seniors and youth and free for kids 12 and under. For complete lineup and event details, visit [ArtandSoulOakland.com](http://ArtandSoulOakland.com).