

# THE TOWN AND THE CITY FESTIVAL

## ARTIST LINEUP ANNOUNCED FOR INAUGURAL THE TOWN AND THE CITY FESTIVAL OCTOBER 19TH + 20TH IN LOWELL, MA

*Multiple venues will celebrate the spirit of  
Native Son Jack Kerouac through music and art*

*Tickets on sale Tuesday, August 14th at 12 Noon*

**Lowell, MA - August 13, 2018** - Porter Productions announced the lineup for the first-ever **The Town and The City Festival** to be held in Lowell, MA on October 19th and 20th. The festival, which will be held in multiple venues in downtown Lowell, will celebrate the adventurous spirit of Lowell native, Jack Kerouac, in an event which features both locally based and national touring acts. Named for the title of his first major published work, The Town and City Festival offers Early Bird Two-Day Passes that will be available for just \$35 for two weeks while supplies last. They will be available tomorrow, Tuesday, August 14th, at 12 Noon at [www.thetownandthecityfestival.com](http://www.thetownandthecityfestival.com).

Attendees will have access to music across a multitude of venues in Lowell to see artists including Abbie Barrett, Ali McGuirk, Andrea Gibson, Anjimile, Arlen, Bat House, Billy Wylder, Bong Wish, Chris Freeman (from Parsonfield), D-Tension with DJ Emoh Betta, daisybones, Damon & Naomi, Dan and the Wildfire, DJ Myth, Ed "Moose" Savage, Edo G, Evan Goodrow Band, EXP, Frank Morey, Gary Hoey, Horse Mode, Idle Pilot, Janaka Stucky, Jireh Calo Group, Kingsley Flood, Kristin Hersh, Luna Collective featuring Cara Campanelli, Melvern Taylor, oldsoul, Phil Cambra and The Space Cadets, Scarlett Sabet, Scott Pittman, Sechion, Sugar Blood Jinx, Surprise Party, The Droimlins, The Natty D's, The Party Band, The Shirts And Shoes, Walter Sickert and the Army of Broken Toys, Will Dailey, and Wreckless Eric. Additional acts are expected to be added to the lineup soon.

"I am devoted to Lowell and love the idea of adding a significant event that heightens Lowell's reputation as a major arts and music community in the vibrant New England

landscape,” said festival promoter, Chris Porter, a Lowell native. “Bringing a unique and diverse festival event to a region that has a relatively limited number of festivals is a true labor of love for me. To have this event stand alongside the Lowell Folk Festival, the Lowell Summer Music Series at Boarding House Park, and other great area events will be an honor.”

Venues across downtown Lowell will be hosting the festival including The Luna Theater, Coffee and Cotton, Christ Church United, Gallery Z, and the Parker Gallery at the Whistler House Museum of Art which will host all ages performances. Other participating venues will be Zorba Music Hall, Uncharted Gallery, Warp & Weft, The Old Court, and Dudley’s which will host 21+ shows.

Special two-day passes for The Town and The City Festival go on sale Tuesday, August 14th. A limited number of Early Bird Two-Day Passes are available through August 27th for just \$35 at [www.thetownandthecityfestival.com](http://www.thetownandthecityfestival.com). Regularly priced Weekend Passes are \$45 in advance and \$55 once the festival begins. Tickets to individual shows will be announced at a later date.

**About Porter Productions:** Chris Porter has over 30 years of experience in the concert industry. Over 20 years of that experience has been focused on programming and producing festivals and special events. Some notable events include Bumbershoot (Seattle, WA), the LoDo Music Festival (Denver, CO), The Nines Festival (Ft. Devens, MA), and the Macefield Music Festival (Seattle, WA). After working on Bumbershoot for 18 years, in 2015 Porter started his own company, Porter Productions, which offers talent buying, booking management, consulting, and production coordination for various events and venues in the United States. Porter currently oversees the booking at ONCE Somerville in Somerville, MA as well as a number of festival projects including Hardly Strictly Bluegrass (San Francisco, CA), WERS’ Wicked Good Festival (Boston, MA), South Lake Union Block Party (Seattle, WA) and The Town and The City Festival (Lowell, MA).