## **Attention Musicians and Music Supporters!**

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At the inaugural ArtStroll, MidCoast Fine Arts and the River Cities' Reader gathered 110 visual artists and their supporters for a group portrait by area photographer Dennis Fretty. Now we're bringing the music community together for a picture at the site of the planned River Music History Center, coming even closer to the spirit of the famous 1958 photograph "A Great Day in Harlem." All area musicians – young and old, established and emerging, of all musical styles – as well as music supporters are encouraged to attend the group photo shoot.

The current plan calls for a four-year cycle of "snapshots in time" of the Quad Cities arts and music scenes. Performing and theatre arts will be shot in 2002, and literary arts are slated for 2003.

The photograph will be taken at the Redstone Building, which under Davenport's Vision Iowa proposal will be re-developed into an interactive museum showing the musical heritage of the Quad Cities and the Mississippi River. Sign-in begins at 5 p.m., with the photo scheduled for 5:45 p.m. Participants are asked to arrive early to sign-in.

The portrait will be featured on a future cover of the *River Cities' Reader*, and eight-by-ten glossies will be available at cost through the *Reader* within a few weeks.

In conjunction with the second Great Day portrait, the *River Cities' Reader* is seeking input on the planned River Music History Center, to be located in the Redstone Building. Musicians, supporters of the music scene, and interested members of the community are invited to provide their opinions on what the music center should be.

- 1. What musical styles and artists would be most appropriate for inclusion in the River Music History Center?
- 2. What Quad Cities-area musicians have had the most impact on the music scene, both locally and globally?
- 3. How best can people creating the River Music History Center fashion concepts, themes, and exhibits that capture the musical heritage of the Quad Cities area and the Mississippi River?
- 4. What resources should developers of the River Music History Center consult as they create the new facility?

Please send responses by mail (532 West Third Street; Davenport, Iowa 52801), fax (563-323-3101), or e-mail (todd@rcreader.com) by Friday, August 10. All information received will be forwarded to DavenportOne for consideration as the organization develops the River Music History Center.