



FIRST BAND ANNOUNCED FOR OKTOBERFEST'S WILLKOMMEN PLATZ

- **Brass Funk Beast: My Son the Hurricane**

April 22, 2023 – KITCHENER, ON – [Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest](#) is pleased to announce the first headlining act of their Willkommen Platz entertainment line up, [My Son the Hurricane](#)!

The eclectic multi-horn, multi-drummer multi-brass funk collective from Niagara Ontario has a sound and presence like no other. Their 12-piece brass and dance crew has toured multiple countries around the world and played at some of Canada, USA and Europe's biggest and best festivals.

"My Son the Hurricane features trumpets, saxophones, trombones, drums, guitars, keys, percussion and a wild front woman!" shares Band Leader and drummer, Danno O'Shea. "We dare you not to jump up and dance when you see us at Oktoberfest this fall!"

In 2024, My Son the Hurricane is embarking on a 70-date tour across Canada, the US and Europe and has played with other musical superstars like Jason Isbell, Foo Fighters and Colin James.

"We are just thrilled to have My Son the Hurricane headline with us this year," adds Tracy Van Kalsbeek, K-W Oktoberfest's Executive Director. "I've rocked out with this amazing and talented ensemble in the past – they're incredibly high energy and so entertaining!"

My Son the Hurricane will play at the Willkommen Platz biergarten on Saturday, October 12 at 8:30 p.m.

Location Update:

K-W Oktoberfest's Willkommen Platz, along with the official keg tapping ceremony, will be returning to Carl Zehr Square and King Street in downtown Kitchener October 11 – 13, during the Thanksgiving weekend. New this year, admission will be free for all Willkommen Platz entertainment including favourites like award winning Walter Ostanek. A complete list of performances for the Willkommen Platz will be released in May.

Photos enclosed: My Son the Hurricane

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About [Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest](#)

The first Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest was celebrated in 1969 at Concordia Club in Kitchener, organized by a group of dedicated founders. The keg was tapped and history was made. Since then, Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest has developed its own traditions, becoming one of the largest Bavarian Festivals outside of Germany. Tens of thousands of visitors celebrate annually in our Festhallen, at local restaurants and by attending one of our many family and cultural events. More than just biergartens, Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest is committed to supporting the cultural, economic and social vitality of Waterloo Region, bringing millions of dollars in economic benefit to the Region each year. Oktoberfest Cares provides funding for charitable partners and supports Festival initiatives that enrich our community such as the Onkel Hans Food Drive and keep admission costs low or free for favourites including the Women of the Year celebration and family-friendly events like KIDtoberfest, Thanksgiving Day Parade and Christkinderfest. For more information visit www.oktoberfest.ca.

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