



NEW PRAGUE POPS POST

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Mollie B & SqueezeBox with Ted Lange To be Featured at POPS Gala II October 4

The Praha Outdoor Performance Stage (POPS) Gala II will be held Friday, Oct. 4, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Park Ballroom featuring a concert/dance with international polka hall of fame artists “Mollie B & SqueezeBox with Ted Lange.” The POPS Committee hopes to fill the Park Ballroom for the event. Tickets have been on sale for about two months.

“It’s Time!” is the motto of the POPS Committee. Now it’s “YOUR TIME” to support the POPS effort by buying a ticket, providing an item for the silent auction (if you haven’t already) and certainly participating in the silent auction and attending this great event!

This fundraiser for this POPS concert has limited ticket availability, with just 500 to be sold. All the floor premium table tickets are sold, but general admission tickets still remain for the show. This fundraiser is offering individual tickets at \$30 each for the outside perimeter of the dance floor/stage.

For tickets, go to www.nppops.org. Follow the links. Limited paper tickets are also available at the Community Education office and the New Prague Chamber of Commerce office downtown. They also will be available at the door the night of the concert. Food and beverages are being provided for sale by the Park Ballroom staff. The POPS Committee thanks the Park Ballroom for providing the facility rent-free for this fundraiser. The fundraiser for POPS will also feature a live, online silent auction, similar to last year. About \$6,500 was raised in the auction last year. Contact Den Gardner at: 612/325-3981 or dengardner@gandgcomm.com if you have any questions and/or want to provide a silent auction item. Thus far about 40 items are available for the auction, including:





- Wild tickets
- Golf course foursomes
- Numerous gift cards for grocery stores and coffee shops
- The band Little Chicago is offering itself for a personal concert at your home
- Restaurant gift packages
- Original art
- Chamber gift package
- Arts gift certificates
- Photography session, and
- Much more.

The Tim Chlan Band will perform from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in advance of the Mollie B concert/dance.

POPS Gala II will be the year two celebration of the campaign to build the outdoor performance facility in New Prague, beginning in 2025. Thus far, (as of Sept. 1), about \$850,000 has been pledged to the building effort in cash or pro bono services by more than 80 individuals, families, businesses, local community organizations and others. The goal is to raise \$1 million by the end of 2024.

The New Prague City Council has selected City Center (old mill pond/creamery site) on the northwest end of the city as the location for the POPS building.

“We are thrilled to book this very popular group for our second gala,” said Den Gardner, POPS chairman.

“We say thanks to the community. It’s going to take continued work by the POPS Committee to hold a first-class event for all those in the area who support our effort.”

In other POPS news:

- The POPS Committee (through the Forward New Prague Foundation, the 501c3 non-profit tax-exempt organization where POPS donations are deposited) is working with the City on a possible “partnership” for the actual building of the facility.
- Now that a county location has been selected (Scott County), The POPS Committee is diligently pursuing public grant opportunities. This is being handled by one of the POPS Subcommittees and is in its early stages.
- Stakeholders are aware of POPS activities through our six-time/year newsletter. This comes out mostly between September and June, with a special issue during the summer if it’s necessary (as this one would show).



“It’s Time!” has been the POPS motto from the start of this project almost two years ago (fundraising just 18 months ago). Thanks to all for your passion and dedication to this project.

Please consider donating to POPS. We would be glad to share our fundraising proposal with you.

Contact Den Gardner at:
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Call his cell: 612/325-3981.

"It's Time" for POPS GALA II... and Mollie B & SqueezeBox with Ted Lange

at the PARK BALLROOM
OCT. 4 - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Tim Chlan Band - 5 - 6 p.m.

For ticket information, go to www.nppops.org



What you Need to Know:

- \$30 per Ticket
- Bid on Silent Auction Items
- Food and Refreshments offered by New Prague Park Ballroom



**Join the Praha Outdoor Performance Stage (POPS) Committee as
We Celebrate Year TWO of Our Efforts to Build Our Outdoor Venue in New Prague.**

For more information and/or to donate an item for the silent auction,
contact Chair Den Gardner: dengardner@gandgcomm.com or 612.325.3981

The POPS Leadership Team is working tirelessly for the New Prague community to raise money needed to build the Praha Outdoor Performance Stage (POPS) facility. Thanks to its members:

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