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**REFUGE FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES HOPELAND  
FIRST WAVE OF ARTISTS ANNOUNCED**

**Today, Refuge Foundation for the Arts announces the official renaming of Homeland Experience to Hopeland Festival.**

The time is right to make strong statements of inclusion. We want to turn our focus from one of homeland to one of hopeland, prompting the need for change in the name of our festival from Homeland Experience to Hopeland Festival. Home is a relative term that can be enclosed in walls that create barriers, but hope is a limitless feeling that knows no boundaries. As an arts organization, we feel it is our responsibility and duty to our community to stand up for what we believe in. We have always been an inclusive organization putting on inclusive events, and we want the name of the event to reflect our mission of enriching our community with art that knows no boundaries.

The unique two-day festival will celebrate community through live music & visual artists starting on **Friday, September 21** from 5:00pm – 10:00pm, and **Saturday, September 22** from 11:00am – 5:00pm. It will combine musicians with captivating visual artists. It will be hosted in downtown Green Bay, partnering with local businesses around town including Kavarna, Keggers, Lyric Room, Black & Tan Lounge, Neville Public Museum, Three Three Five, Cup O Joy, and Titledown Brewing Company Roof Tap.

**Refuge Foundation for the Arts, along with title sponsor Fox Communities Credit Union** are pleased to announce the first ten artists for this year's lineup:

**Adriel Denaë** - Appleton, WI  
**Feed The Dog** - Wisconsin  
**Cat Clyde** - Stratford, Ontario  
**The Lately** - Appleton, WI  
**Nicholas Raymond** - Wisconsin

**Emily Kopp** - Nashville, TN  
**David Paul Martin** - Wisconsin  
**Parker Gispert** - Athens, Georgia  
**Sam Trump** - Houston, TX  
**Micah Schnabel** - Bucyrus, OH

In the coming weeks Refuge Foundation for the Arts will announce more artists, along with the details of the visual artists who will be taking part in this year's celebration. For more information visit [www.hopelandfestival.com](http://www.hopelandfestival.com).

**About Refuge Foundation for the Arts:** Refuge Foundation for the Arts is a non-profit organization providing sanctuary for the pursuit of creative expression through music and art. Founded in response to the lack of resources available to artists today, it is the mission of The Refuge to offer patronage and opportunity to creators in a supportive and collaborative environment. Bordered by the Fox River in Appleton, WI and built in 1935 by Capuchin-Franciscan monks, our beautiful 33,000 square foot facility houses recording studios, art studios, and artist residences amid ten acres of protected nature, gardens, and orchards. For more information, please visit [www.refugearts.org](http://www.refugearts.org).

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