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## **Region's Largest Steelpan Festival Returns to Chicagoland**

*Great Lakes Steelpan Festival Returns to Crystal Lake for 2015*

Potts & Pans is proud to announce that the Great Lakes Steelpan Festival is coming back to Crystal Lake on April 11, 2015. At this one day only festival, attendees will have the opportunity to hear bands from across the midwest, a 50+ piece steelband, and world renown educators and performers! There is no other festival of this nature and magnitude in the area, and it only comes once a year.

**Crystal Lake, IL - April 11, 2015** - <http://www.steelpanfestival.com> - Great Lakes Steelpan Festival is coming back to Hannah Beardsley Middle School in Crystal Lake, IL on April 11, 2015. The festival is open to all music lovers and starts with free performances at 9:00 am and concludes with an evening concert starting at 8:00 pm.

In 2013, Potts & Pans hosted the inaugural Great Lakes Steelpan Festival. The festival was a huge success and participants and attendees alike were raving

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about it for months to come. After taking part in the festival our inaugural year, Dr. Elliott Mannelle (the inventor of the modern day steelpan) said "This group is the future of steelpan" and he is coming back this year to take part again! On April 11, 2015, the festival is returning to Hannah Beardsley Middle School in Crystal Lake, IL and is even better than it was last year! The 2015 Great Lakes Steelpan Festival (GLSF15) will be bringing together performers and educators from 7 states across the US and Trinidad and Tobago. Guest artists include Dr. Ellie Mannelle, Kurry Seymour, and Potts & Pans Steelband. GLSF15 is packed with free performances and educational workshops starting at 9 am, two steelpan documentaries premiers and the day climaxes with an evening concert starting at 8 pm.

GLSF15 is the only music festival in Chicagoland specializing in the steelpan, the musical instrument from the caribbean country of Trinidad and Tobago, also commonly called the steel drum. Throughout the day at GLSF15, attendees will hear music ranging from classical to calypso and even original compositions that were commissioned specifically for this festival. The event is hosted by a local 501(C)3 organization, Culture, Arts and Music (<http://www.cultureartsmusic.org>) and is supported in part by The Steelpan Store (<http://www.steelpanstore.com>).

From steelpan aficionados to casual music lovers alike, GLSF15 is sure to deliver lasting memories and leave attendees yearning for next year. No matter what prior exposure audience members have had to the steelpan, GLSF15 will make every person in the room think a little differently about the instrument and what it is capable of. For more information about the festival, contact information or to purchase reduced fare tickets, please visit <http://steelpanfestival.com>.

### **About Great Lakes Steelpan Festival**

Great Lakes Steelpan Festival was created to fill the void in top level steelpan performance and educational events in the midwest. Imagined by two midwest panists, that decided to start GLSF in order to create a closer option for bands like theirs, after meeting in Virginia for a different festival.

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