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**WXPN Welcomes LAKE STREET DIVE to Whitaker Center Stage this fall**

*Jazz-schooled and groove-driven quintet brings their style of soulful pop to Central PA stage*

Whitaker Center (Harrisburg, PA) - will perform at Sunoco Performance Theater on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. This show is presented by Capital BlueCross and supported by the Lois Lehrman Grass Foundation.

The title of Lake Street Dive's most recent album, *Free Yourself Up*, is both an exhortation to listeners and a statement of purpose for the band. The songs have an infectious swagger, even when dealing with awkward breakups or the unsettled state of our world. *Free Yourself Up* is Lake Street Dive's most confident album yet, seriously soulful and exuberantly rocking. And, in many ways, it is Lake Street Dive's most intimate and collaborative, with the band itself taking over the production reins and working as a tightly knit unit to craft these ten songs. In addition, the quartet drafted touring keyboardist Akie Bermess to join them in the studio, literally freeing the band up to explore a wider range of instrumental textures, construct more full-bodied arrangements, and build stacks of lively background harmonies.

Lake Street Dive was for many years a self-reliant unit. After forming in 2004, while all the members were studying at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, they assiduously built a following through a series of independent album releases, countless club tours, and a few lucky breaks. In 2013, producer T Bone Burnett invited them to join a star-studded lineup at a New York City concert where they practically stole the show -- and wound up with a deal from Nonesuch Records. The band's label debut, *Side Pony*, was greeted with raves. Rolling Stone called it "irresistible" and the Boston Globe said, "*Side Pony* is a confident, expertly played statement from a band that's been honing its approach for more than a decade, and it clearly shows that Lake Street Dive is ready to make itself known to whatever audiences have yet to succumb to its many charms." *Free Yourself Up* is the sound of a democratic party, organized by a band that has bolstered its deep well of talent with a healthy supply of mutual trust.

Tickets are \$59.95(includes unfilled Whitaker Center beverage cup), \$45.95 and \$36.95. Tickets go on sale Friday, May 3 at 10:00am at whitakercenter.org or by calling the Whitaker Center Box Office. For tickets and more information, please visit whitakercenter.org or call 717-214-ARTS (2787).

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts is a non-profit center for the arts, education, entertainment and cultural enrichment located in the heart of Harrisburg's vibrant downtown. Whitaker Center is home to Sunoco Performance Theater, Harsco Science Center and Select Medical Digital Cinema featuring a four-story premium large format theater with 4K digital projection system. Visit [whitakercenter.org](http://whitakercenter.org) for a full list of events, shows, hours of operation, and ticket rates.

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