



Celebrating 15 Years
1992 – 2006
Summer gets its kickoff at Harborfest, June 16-18

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SOUTH HAVEN, MI This quaint town's maritime history is celebrated with free live music all weekend, a crafts fair, pancake breakfasts, lighthouse tours, Dragon Boat races and numerous kids' activities.

Friday night opens the festival with a "Presentation of the Colors" by American Legion Post 49 of South Haven on the Chemical Bank Main Stage, and performances by the finalists of "Harborfest Idol". The audience will decide their "idol", and that person will get the honor of opening for Saturday night's band. New Orleans own "Bonorama" will take the stage Friday kicking off "Mardi Gras Friday" A Tribute to the sounds of New Orleans. "Mojo and the Bayou Gypsies" will follow, performing original Cajun and Zydeco music in the Southwest Louisiana tradition. Saturday afternoon, festival goers will be treated to an afternoon of rich and diverse music of local musicians during the annual "Showcase of Local Talent". Trevor Menear will warm up the crowd for Saturday evening's "Blues on the Black River" main event "Indigenous". *"Indigenous offered straight blues elevated to spectacular heights"* – New York Times. Mato Nanji, the stellar guitarist, singer and songwriter of Indigenous will be releasing the 5th major label CD and his Vanguard debut, *Chasing the Sun* on June 13th, four days prior to his Harborfest performance.

During the day on Saturday, the Dragon Boat teams take to the water. Dragon Boat racing on the Black River has been a mainstay of Harborfest since its inception. Teams of 18 rowers each power canoes more than 40-feet long with prows sporting vibrantly painted dragons' heads. The competition is as fierce as the faces of the dragons!

Sunday, the Chemical Bank Main Stage will feature performances by the perpetual favorites, Ronald McDonald and First Baptist Kids as well as the premier event of "Harborfest Kids Idol Finals".

The festival site also features our traditional Craft Fair with as many as 100 booths, Lighthouse Tours, as well as many food vendors and Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast.

Harborfest is a "free" even sponsored by local merchants and businesses, which account for 75-80% of the festival's operating budget. The festival site is alcohol free, but many local nightclubs in town will have events centered on the festival for those wanting to partake in South Haven Nightlife. Harborfest is a community event oriented toward families. All are welcome.

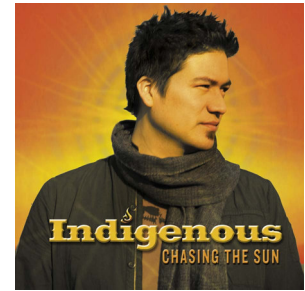
For more information on the weekend's activities go the www.shharborfest.com.



**Harborfest of South Haven proudly announces
the signing of "Indigenous" to perform
Saturday June 17th on the
Chemical Bank Main Stage**

INDIGENOUSE RETURNS WITH VANGUARD RECORDS DEBUT

Mato Nanji, the stellar guitarist, singer and songwriter of Indigenous will be releasing his Vanguard debut, *Chasing the Sun* on June 13. *Chasing the Sun* brings guitarist Mato Nanji front and center and going solo. The highly anticipated *Chasing the Sun* is the 5th nationally distributed CD on a major record label following "Things We Do", "Live at Pachyderm Studios", "Circle", and "Indigenous".



Here's what the Critics have to say about Indigenous:

You could close your eyes and feel the spirits of the greatest guitar players to ever walk the face of this planet as Mato Nanji of Indigenous made Stevie Ray Vaughn and Jimi Hendrix come to life. Attending one of their live shows is a MUST – Gwyn Tyme, musicpix.net

"What I wasn't prepared for was the experience of Indigenous live." "Especially the scorched-earth assault by Mato Nanji . . . Fluid as hot mercury, note-perfect, howling, Nanji was seemingly possessed by ghosts." - San Francisco Examiner

"Things We Do" may be the most brilliant blues album of the year." "The band from the Great Plains has crashed the big time by doing the Ghost Dance with Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughn." – New York Post

"Indigenous offers blues-rock elevated to spectacular heights." – The New York Times

"A band American and the world should hear." – B.B. King

"It's too early to tell if the present crop of young, talented musicians will ever attain the prestige of Johnson, Waters, and Kings or Hooker." "But if you had to anoint one guitarist as a possible successor to these legendary figures, it just might be Mato Nanji of Indigenous. – Pittsburgh Post Gazette

Indigenous has shared the stage with the likes of Dave Matthews, Bonnie Raitt, B.B. King, Melissa Etheridge, Santana and Bob Dylan. B.B. King invited them to join his Blues Festival Tour, proclaiming that Indigenous is "a band America and the world should hear." The band also has appeared on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," "CBS Saturday Morning", and "Austin City Limits". Indigenous was featured on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered", and Amazon.com's "Blues Artist of the Year"

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**Harborfest of South Haven proudly announces
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"Mojo and the Bayou Gypsies"
to perform Friday June 16th on the
Chemical Bank Main Stage**

MOJO & The Bayou Gypsies are powerfully talented musicians and entertainers who immerse the audience into all original Cajun and Zydeco music and dancing in the Southwest Louisiana tradition.

WILD KREWE FROM THE BAYOU

"The Mos' Fun Y'all Can Have Wit' Clothes On!"

Mojo and the Bayou Gypsies are true, unique American entertainers delivering lifetime memories with international appeal. MOJO can charm and enchant the world with MOJO Energy! Mojo & The Bayou Gypsies, featuring Mojo and his Wild Krewe from the Bayou, are leading performers of the music popular in Cajun country! MOJO delivers a truly unique musical adventure, and literally changes peoples' lives! MOJO music is infectiously happy, and all ages go NUTS (to put it simply)! MOJO shows are wild, but totally natural and positive, appealing to EVERYONE in all walks of life – Boomers, kids, teens, and even seniors.



Put on your best dancin' shoes, your finest Mardi Gras duds, grab your best partners, and catch a Lifetime Memory with Mojo & the Bayou Gypsies!



"We love their music. Check 'em out, everybody!"
FOX TV

"When Mojo moves in, the place ROCKS!"
Chicago Tribune

"Mojo is INCREDIBLE!"
CBS-TV

"Mojo is MISTER Zydeco!"
Lonnie Brooks, Blues Legend

For more information visit www.shharborfest.com or www.redhotmojo.com