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**BOHEMIAN NIGHTS KICKS OFF BIG WITH FRIDAY NIGHT BLOCK PARTY:
Live performances on Mountain Stage simulcast at the *Linden Lawn Chair Lounge***

Fort Collins, CO, August 9, 2011– **Bohemian Nights at NewWestFest** kicks off big this weekend with three great bands performing on the Mountain Avenue main stage on Friday night. The music begins at 5:30 p.m. with 2011 International Blues Competition winner and Colorado’s own [Lionel Young Band](#). [Cracker](#) rocks the stage next at 7:00 p.m. and capping off the night, [G. Love & Special Sauce](#) will take the main stage at 8:30 p.m. to bring the house down!

New this year on Friday evening, [Bohemian Nights](#) is offering fans a unique, relaxed and fun experience at the *Linden Street Lawn Chair Lounge and Block Party*. Attendees can watch the G. Love & Special Sauce performance simulcast on the big screen at Linden Street while sitting comfortably in their own lawn chairs, enjoying food and cold beverages from NewWestFest vendors. Cracker will be simulcast as well, but sunlight may reduce the visibility of the screen image during the first part of the show. Fans arriving early to the *Linden Street Lawn Chair Lounge and Block Party* will have the opportunity to win **Bohemian Nights** at NewWestFest gear.

“Mountain Stage will be a festive and engaging atmosphere for fans who want to be in the heart of the action,” stated Merry Hummell, Director of Music Events at Bohemian Nights. “We also wanted to offer fans the option to experience the music in a more relaxed, family-friendly environment on Linden Street where they can unwind after a long week and enjoy the start to a wonderful weekend of Colorado music.”

Foot traffic around the Mountain Avenue Stage will be more streamlined this year, so festivalgoers are encouraged to arrive early. Starting at 5:30 on Friday and Saturday evenings and 5 on Sunday, the sidewalks on each side of the Mountain stage will be closed to foot traffic. The only entrance into the stage area after those times will be at the Mountain Avenue and Mathews Street intersection.

Established in 2005, **Bohemian Nights** produces a high-quality, weekend-long, free community music festival that promotes Colorado artists and shares their talent with the world. **Bohemian Nights** is solely produced by **Bohemian Nights**, LLC. [NewWestFest](#) is produced by the [Fort Collins Downtown Business Association](#).



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