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NORTHFIELD LISTS TOP EVENTS IN 2010

Northfield, MN, March 2010 — Known for its rich history, active arts & culture, and nationally ranked colleges, Northfield is stirring up an exciting mix of events in 2010.

From a Riverwalk Market Fair with fresh produce, fine art and live music every Saturday to a Vintage Band Music Festival in August with international flair to the Defeat of Jesse James Days in September ... you'll want to catch the scene and witness first hand the authenticity and colorfulness of this happening historic river town!

Nestled in a pastoral setting just 35 miles south of the Twin Cities and 50 miles northwest of Rochester, Northfield is southern Minnesota's best-kept secret for the finer things in life. It's evident in the number of galleries, exhibits, concerts, live music, theater productions and lectures available to the public on any given week. Here are some highlights of upcoming events:

The List -

May 7 - Girls Nite Out Gather your girlfriends for a fun night! Shop the eclectic, one-of-a-kind shops and boutiques in Northfield's historic downtown and enjoy fabulous sales, giveaways, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments in the stores, dining-out specials in restaurants, followed by live entertainment at The Grand Event Center, recently voted one of *The Knot's* Best of Weddings 2010 Winners for Reception Venues in Minnesota. Contact Ph# 952-465-1626

May 29-30 | September 3-5 - Rice County Steam and Gas, Inc. Annual Shows The Memorial weekend swap meet and flea market features a tractor pull, consignment auction, food and other special events. The Labor Day weekend show features a parade, tractor pull, flea market, games, food and other activities. Bring the whole family. Held at the Dundas Showgrounds. www.ricecountysteamandgas.com Ph# 507-645-4336

Saturdays, June to October - Riverwalk Market Fair Ease into a sunny, summer weekend by strolling along the picturesque riverside of historic downtown Northfield and take in the sights, tastes and sounds through fine art, organic produce, artisan foods and local music. www.riverwalkmarketfair.org Ph# 507-786-9700

Thursday on the Square On many Thursday evenings in June through August, you will find a crowd gathered on Bridge Square in the heart of the city for concerts, shows and other activities. Many downtown stores remain open later in the evening.

June 17-18 - Taste of Northfield (5th Annual) Bring your taste buds to this feast. Whether you're an epicurean or just know a good burger when you bite into one, this event is sure to meet your cravings. There's also a beer & wine tent, silent and live auction, and a James Gang bank raid re-enactment — fun for all ages! Live music and dancing fill the downtown streets into the night. rcurrier@nddc.org Ph# (507) 663-0319

June 23-26 - JuneBug Festival of Music This 4-day music festival of live bands covers a variety of genres from blues, jazz, folk to rock-n-roll. Artists come from all around, including the Twin Cities, to this "music town." Performances take place in various venues and outdoor patios in Northfield's historic downtown district and along the Cannon's Riverwalk. www.northfieldjunebug.com Ph# 507-645-1665

June 26-27 - Northfield Garden Tours Take a lovely tour of private gardens at a variety of homes including the Mayflower Hill section of town. You'll find an artist in each garden creating a piece of art. A variety of mediums will be demonstrated. Art will also be on sale. www.northfieldgardenclub.org Ph# 952-652-3412

July 4 - Fourth of July Bike Criterion Celebrate Independence Day in Northfield and take in the rush of adrenalin as cyclists speedily maneuver through the streets of town to compete in this popular race. www.northfieldcrit.blogspot.com

July 22 - Crazy Daze Some towns get crazier than others. Check out the fabulous bargains in this town! www.northfieldchamber.com or www.visitingnorthfield.com Ph# (800) 658-2548

August 5-8 - Vintage Band Music Festival This grand event consists of 4 days, 20 bands and 50 concerts, celebrating cultural heritage through a variety of musical compositions. Many bands come from all around the world and perform in vintage, ethnic dress using authentic, period instruments. It's a sight to be seen and heard! www.vintagebandfestival.org

August 15,17,19 & 22 - Bridge Chamber Music Festival The Bridge Chamber Music Festival celebrates its 12th season with concerts August 15th-22nd. Festival Concerts on August 15th, 19th and 22nd celebrate the music of Robert Schumann and Samuel Barber, among others. The Young Artist Recital on August 17th features outstanding local musicians. www.bridgechamber.org Ph # 507-786-3535

August 28 - Outlaw Run Jump on your iron horse and take to the Outlaw Trail following the infamous James-Younger Gang escape route which dates back to the September 7, 1876 foiled bank robbery. Motorcycle enthusiasts follow the gang's hoof prints tracking their desperate flee. The event includes a re-enactment at the original bank site; meets afterwards at the Rueb'N'Stein. www.northfieldhistory.org Ph# 507-645-9268

September 8-12 Defeat of Jesse James Days Voted "Best Re-Enactment of the West" by *True West Magazine*, this event pays tribute to Northfield townspeople who defeated the infamous James-Younger Gang when it attempted to rob the town's First National Bank on September 7, 1876. Witness the re-enactment of the bank raid and see an informative show that includes live horses, gunshots and brave townspeople standing up against the gang. There's also a rodeo, old-time tractor pull, midway, parade, arts festival, music, arts and crafts shows and more. www.djjd.org Ph# 507-645-9268

October 23-24, South Central Minnesota Studio ArtTour Step inside artists' personal studios and gather a glimpse of inspiring art media created locally in south central Minnesota including watercolor, pottery, wood, clay sculptures, photography, metal, fabric/wearable art and much more. The 2-day tour winds through the communities of Northfield, Faribault and Owatonna. www.southcentralartour.com Ph# (507) 645-7445

October's Full Moon, Cemetery Stories Join us under the October moon for this historic cemetery tour featuring actors portraying famous Northfielders at their gravesites. 507-645-9268 www.northfieldhistory.org

December 9 - Winter Walk Come experience downtown Northfield by candlelight. Stroll through our unique shops, dine at fine restaurants, and enjoy caroling, horse-drawn wagon rides, storytelling, luminaries, and more. www.northfieldchamber.com or www.visitingnorthfield.com Ph# (800) 658-2548

December 2-5 - St. Olaf College Christmas Festival This nationally recognized annual concert is a spiritual journey of sweet choral sounds so beautiful you'll hardly believe you are still on Earth. For more choral performances by the St. Olaf Choir contact 507-786-3031 or go to www.stolaf.edu/christmasfest.com

For more event information on any of the above events contact the Northfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, a department of the Northfield Area Chamber of Commerce at (507) 645-5604 or www.visitingnorthfield.com.