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### **MITCH RYDER, THE B-52S AND RONNIE DUNN HIGHLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT LINEUP FOR CHEVROLET DETROIT BELLE ISLE GRAND PRIX**

DETROIT, Mich. (March 8, 2012) – An exciting blend of Motor City rock, good-time party music and one of country music’s most beloved stars highlights the entertainment lineup for the 2012 Chevrolet Detroit Belle Grand Prix (CDBIGP).

The June 1-3 event weekend will not only feature the return of world-class auto racing to the Motor City, it will also include some popular and exciting musical acts throughout the three-day weekend. The CDBIGP is proud to announce the featured acts for the event – Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, the B-52s and Ronnie Dunn will all perform on the MotorCity Casino Hotel Entertainment Stage.

Adding an exclamation point to “Free Prix Day” at the Grand Prix on Friday, June 1, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels will take to the MotorCity Casino Hotel Entertainment Stage, located in the Meijer Family Fun Zone, at 6:30 p.m. ET Friday evening. The rock band is a Detroit favorite, with Rolling Stone Magazine naming Ryder as one of the top five most important rock and roll singers ever to emerge from the Motor City. The singer’s most popular hits include “Devil with the Blue Dress/Good Golly Miss Molly,” “Baby I Need Your Loving” and “When You Were Mine.”

The B-52s will bring their eclectic, fun sound to the MotorCity Casino Hotel Entertainment Stage on Saturday, June 2 at 7:15 p.m. Often called the “world’s greatest party band,” the B-52s are well known for hits like “Rock Lobster” and “Love Shack.” With their unique good-time rock-n-roll, the B-52s will surely add to a festive Saturday evening for Grand Prix goers.

Ronnie Dunn will whip the crowd into a frenzy before the start of Sunday’s feature IZOD IndyCar Series race when he lights up the MotorCity Casino Hotel Entertainment Stage in a rare matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 3. Dunn was half of the successful country music duo Brooks and Dunn for 20 years. With hits like “Boot Scootin’ Boogie” and “Hard Workin’ Man,” to their credit, the duo decided to go their separate ways while at the height of their careers in 2010, their friendship well intact. Dunn has since released a critically-acclaimed self-titled album.

“We are very excited to partner with MotorCity Casino Hotel to bring these terrific musical acts to the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix,” said Bud Denker, Event Chairman of the CDBIGP. “We know we’ll have exciting action on the racetrack the first weekend of June and with these great bands offering something for everyone, it’s sure to be great time away from the track as well.”

The MotorCity Casino Hotel Entertainment Stage will be alive with entertainment throughout the June 1-3 weekend. Local bands and entertainment will fill the stage from morning until night each day. For a complete entertainment listing updated frequently as the Grand Prix approaches, visit [www.DetroitGP.com](http://www.DetroitGP.com).

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**Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix Announces 2012 Entertainment Lineup**

The Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix is a 501(c)3 organization and a subsidiary of the Downtown Detroit Partnership. The event will be held June 1-3, 2012 and will include the Chevrolet Indy Grand Prix presented by [ShopAutoWeek.com](http://ShopAutoWeek.com) featuring the cars of the IZOD IndyCar Series, the Chevrolet GRAND-AM 200 at Belle Isle presented by the Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers with the sports cars of the

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