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Harden back for slew of area shows

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Veteran musician Keith Harden returns to the area with a bevy of concerts and a song in Mark Roberts' newest play.

Harden, known best for his mastery of the blues, is a versatile artist who also performs pop, rock, Americana, country and folk. The tearjerker he wrote for "Where the Great Ones Run," which has been drawing packed houses at the Station Theatre in Urbana, is in the country vein. The song is called "Rest in Peace."

Hardin, a native of Tolono, now lives and performs in Nashville, Tenn. He remains a popular performer in the Champaign-Urbana area and returns several times each year.

He has a full schedule, starting at 5:30 p.m. Friday with a solo acoustic show at the Taste of Champaign-Urbana at West Side Park, just west of downtown Champaign. Other performances include:

- 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Pages for All Ages Bookstore, Savoy, solo acoustic.
- 6 p.m. Tuesday, live on the "Joshua Tree" radio show, WEFT-FM 90.1, with host Kevin Elliott, solo acoustic.
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (rain date 6:30 p.m. June 26), the Urbana Park District's Blair Park, solo acoustic.
- 6 to 9 p.m. June 27, Harden will per-



Keith Harden is booked across area in June.

form with his sister, Kathy Harden, and guest Matt Stewart, at Alto Vineyards, rural Champaign, acoustic trio.

- 3 to 5 p.m. June 28, at the area's other West Side Park, Tolono, solo acoustic.
- 8 to 11 p.m. June 28, Huber's, Champaign, solo acoustic.
- 8 to midnight, June 29, Iron Post in Urbana, electric blues show with the Keith Harden Band featuring Andy Burnett, Billy Galt and Neal Robinson.

For more information, visit online www.keithharden.com.