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**PETE WAGNER BAND TO PLAY FOR 50th STRAIGHT YEAR
AT CONEY ISLAND ON SATURDAY**

CINCINNATI, OH (August 31, 2010) - Coney Island, a favorite summer pastime in Greater Cincinnati since 1886, will play host to the Pete Wagner Band for the 50th straight year on Saturday, September 4. The Pete Wagner Band, one of the most prolifically hired bands in Greater Cincinnati for decades, will perform in Moonlite Pavilion beginning at 8 pm.

Coney Island invites the public, whether they grew up in the era or just enjoy big band music, to take a step back in time for an evening of great music and dancing. Doors will open at 7 pm and tickets are \$10 each.

"Coney Island has probably been associated with big band dances since the 1940s and at a time had the biggest names in the business perform there," said Paul Wagner, who took over the band from his father, Pete, in 1986. "So, I'd have to say, playing there for 50 years is quite an accomplishment. Coney Island is definitely our longest running venue."

The Pete Wagner band was originally formed in 1954. In addition to performing at Coney Island the last 50 years, the band has played thousands of wedding receptions, parties, and affairs entertaining many including five presidents: Kennedy, Nixon, Reagan, Bush and George W. Bush. The band has performed along side national headliners such as Chicago, Faith Hill, Wayne Newton, Paul Anka, Frank Sinatra, Lionel Ritchie, Natalie Cole, Harry Connick Jr., Micheal Buble, and Kenny G. The Pete Wagner Dixieland Band was the last to play at Crosley Field, the first and last to play at Riverfront- Cinergy Field and in 2003, performed at Opening Day of The Great American Ball Park.

Table reservations are available for groups of ten. Call 513-232-8230 to purchase advance tickets and reserve a table for your group. For additional information, visit <http://www.coneyislandpark.com/dances.php>

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