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'AMERICAN IDOL' STAR DAVID ARCHULETA HEADLINES ROCK THE BLOCK IN WILTON MANORS ON FEBRUARY 17, 2024

Wilton Manors, FL – October 23, 2023 – HarmonyWaves, a local non-profit 501c(3) organization, presents Rock the Block, featuring David Archuleta, on Saturday, February 17, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. ET in Wilton Manors, FL. Rock the Block is a street music festival on Wilton Drive between NE 21st Court and NE 6th Avenue, in Wilton Manors, FL. Headlining Rock the Block will be David Archuleta, an American singer-songwriter and actor, best known for his participation in the seventh season of the reality TV show *American Idol* in 2008. Rock the Block sponsors include The City of Wilton Manors, FlockFest, Floatarama, and the Wilton Manors Business Association. VIP Experience presented by Apt9f.

David Archuleta is a South Florida native, and in 2008, at the age of 16, auditioned for the seventh season of *American Idol*. Throughout the competition, he consistently wowed the judges and the audience with his powerful voice and emotional performances. He eventually became the runner-up of the season, losing to David Cook. Despite not winning the competition, Archuleta's talent and popularity led to a promising career in the entertainment industry.

After American Idol, Archuleta signed with Jive Records (later RCA Records) and released his self-titled debut album, "David Archuleta," in 2008. The album included hit singles like "Crush" and "A Little Too Not Over You." It debuted at number two on the Billboard 200 chart and was certified Gold by the RIAA. Archuleta went on to release several more albums, including "Christmas from the Heart" (2009), "The Other Side of Down" (2010), "Begin" (2012), and "No Matter How Far" (2013). His music often focused on pop and ballad genres, and his heartfelt performances resonated with fans.

Archuleta came out as gay to his family in 2014, then publicly announced in June 2021 that he is part of the LGBTQ+ community.

General Admission donation tickets are \$5; day of event donation tickets will be \$10, VIP tickets are available at \$250, which includes priority access, complimentary cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, prime viewing area, and meet & greet. Tickets are now available at HarmonyWaves.org. Additional entertainers to be announced.

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About HarmonyWaves:

HarmonyWaves' mission is to harness the transformative power of music to bridge divides, foster connections, and cultivate unity among diverse communities. Through the universal language of melodies and rhythms, HarmonyWaves aspires to create a world where people from all walks of life come together to share the joy, inspiration, and healing that music brings. Guided by the belief that harmonious melodies can transcend boundaries, HarmonyWaves is committed to orchestrating events and initiatives that ignite meaningful conversations, build lasting relationships, and celebrate the beauty of human diversity. HarmonyWaves strives to be a symphony of inclusivity, using the enchanting cadence of music to harmonize hearts and amplify the shared humanity that unites everyone.

For ticket information and updates about the event, visit <u>HarmonyWaves.org</u> or follow on <u>Facebook/Twitter/Instagram</u> @4HarmonyWaves.

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