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**Darlene Ketchum sang sultry soul**

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With a set of powerful pipes and dynamic delivery, Darlene Ketchum kept the rhythm and blues coming at Music in the Park on Thursday August 13. From Etta James' *At Last (My Love has Come*

to Me) and Billy Holiday's *God Bless the Child* to the Motown sound of *My Guy* and *You are the Sunshine of my Life*, to the traditional gospel *Wade in the Water*, Ketchum showed her range. Backed by jazzy pianist (and husband) Kelvin Ketchum, solid bass guitarist Gerry Teichrob, and super-hot drumming by Tyler Friesen, the Delta-based quartet entertained with two sets that perfectly matched the sultry summer weather.

The backing trio, two of whom are members of Quintessential Jazz, got to strut their stuff on two numbers, including the haunting *Autumn Leaves*.

Ketchum also shared some of her original compositions, including the funky *That Kind of Friend*. Her theatrical delivery, radiant smile, and wide gestures were especially welcome in the large outdoor venue where distance can mute the emotional power of a song. This lady knows how to hold the attention of a crowd.

Next in the Music in the Park lineup is the Kettle Valley Brakemen on Thursday August 20, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Oliver Community Bandshell on Park Drive. Admission by donation. Bring a lawnchair or blanket. The popular beer and wine garden continues, including some fine brewskies by OCAC member business, Firehall Brewery. Evening market with fresh produce, crafts, and home items, bouncy castle and face painting for the kids, and food vendors for picnics in the park.