

By John Minnis

ichael's B's — the planned cafe in Grosse Pointe Park to be operated by special young adults — is pulling out all the stops for its ground-breaking fundraiser Saturday, June 3, featuring Fleur Seule, Manhattan's very own No. 1 Grammy nominated retro jazz band.

Fleur Seule will leave its home at the Tavern on the Green in the Big Apple to come to Grosse Pointe as the main act for Michael's B's "Raise the Roof" event. The fundraiser and performances will be held in the parking lot between the Cabbage Patch Saloon and the future Michael B's site on Mack between Maryland and Lakepointe.

"We were very fortunate that the daughter of one of our board members,

Patty Sunisloe, is married to a member of Fleur Seule," says Michael B's President Alicia Carlisle. "When she approached her daughter and son-in-law, they were thrilled by the opportunity to promote a worthy cause."

Fleur Seule will be preceded by local warm-up bands and a special rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" sung by the Full Circle Choir. Featuring music, dancing, food trucks and libations, the fun kicks off at 6:30 p.m. and lasts well into the night -12:30 a.m.

The newly constructed, two-story Michael B's Cafe, is

slated to open in the fall of 2024. The nonprofit's board of directors* is currently conducting a capital campaign to raise the \$3 million estimated cost of the project.

Under the supervision of a trained chef and general manager, special young adults — many graduates of the Grosse Pointe Public School System and the Full Circle

Foundation — help in preparing coffee, doughnuts, soups, salads and sundry cafe items for the breakfast and lunchtime hours.

"The purpose of Michael B's is to provide meaningful employment and camaraderie for our special young adults who have exhausted student programs," Carlisle explains.

Tickets are \$175 in advance and \$200 at the door the night of the event. Valet

and trolley service will be provided.

For advanced tickets by May 27 or more information, visit MichaelBCafe.org, Facebook or email thecommunitycafeproject@gmail.com.

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