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**FOUR ADDITIONAL CONCERTS ADDED TO SUMMER 2015
WEILL HALL + LAWN AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER**

**JAY LENO, JULY 31
NATALIE COLE, AUGUST 1
PIANOSONOMA, AUGUST 2
CHRIS ISAAK, AUGUST 18**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE BEGINNING JUNE 17 FOR
NEW CONCERTS IN THE SUMMER 2015 MASTERCARD PERFORMANCE SERIES**

Sonoma County, CA — Four additional concerts have just been added to the Summer 2015 MasterCard Performance Series at Weill Hall and Lawn at Sonoma State University's Green Music Center. The newly added performances are: comedian **Jay Leno** (July 31) and wine country music festival **pianoSonoma** (August 2) in Weill Hall; and Grammy® Award-winning R&B singer-songwriter **Natalie Cole** (August 1) and American rock musician **Chris Isaak** (August 18) at Weill Hall + Lawn, which includes seating on the outdoor terrace and lawn.

Tickets for these four performances will be available to MasterCard cardholders and current Green Music Center subscribers beginning Wednesday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m. (PST). Tickets for the general public will be available beginning Friday, June 19 at 10:00 a.m. (PST). Tickets for all previously announced summer concerts are available now.

SUMMER 2015 MASTERCARD PERFORMANCE SERIES

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR WITH MEGAN HILTY AND THE SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY

Saturday, July 4, 7:30 p.m. | WEILL HALL + LAWN

*There will be fireworks onstage and off when Broadway and TV's petite powerhouse **Megan Hilty** joins the **Santa Rosa Symphony** on Independence Day to launch the summer season. Enjoy an all-American program, followed by eye-popping pyrotechnics!*

**MARTINA MCBRIDE
THE EVERLASTING TOUR**

Saturday, July 11, 7:30 p.m. | WEILL HALL + LAWN

*Four-time CMA Female Vocalist of the Year **Martina McBride** writes and produces, but most of all the Kansas-*

born megastar sings her heart out. She has won millions of fans around the world with her searingly honest songs of family, faith, heartbreak and redemption.

**DAWG DAY AFTERNOON BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
WITH THE DAVID GRISMAN SEXTET, THE DEL MCCOURY BAND
AND JERRY DOUGLAS PRESENTS EARLS OF LEICESTER**

Sunday, July 12, 2015, 3 p.m. | WEILL HALL + LAWN

*There's more to country than heartbreak and hillbillies. Experience the depth and breadth of this American art form when GMC hosts Dawg Day Afternoon Bluegrass Festival with the **Del McCoury Band**, Sonoma favorite **The David Grisman Sextet**, and dobro master **Jerry Douglas Presents the Earls of Leicester**.*

KEVIN SPACEY IN CONCERT

Saturday, July 18, 2015, 7:30 p.m. | WEILL HALL + LAWN

*You know **Kevin Spacey** best as the star of the mega hit *House of Cards*, but he wears many hats from actor to director and comedian. Spacey dons yet another topper — vocalist with full orchestra — for this unforgettable evening.*

RUSSIAN NATIONAL ORCHESTRA & CHORUS: BEETHOVEN 9

Tuesday, July 21, 2015, 6:30 p.m. | WEILL HALL

*The mighty Ninth Symphony is considered Beethoven's crowning masterpiece. Hear it in a quintessential performance by the **Russian National Orchestra**, with its "intensity and blazing power" (*The New York Times*). Conductor **Kristjan Järvi** leads the mighty band and soloists soprano **Amber Wagner**, mezzo-soprano **Kelley O'Connor**, tenor **John Tessier**, bass-baritone **Brandon Cedel** and San Francisco's **Volti Chorus**.*

****JAY LENO**

Friday, July 31, 2015, 7:30 p.m. | WEILL HALL

*While he may be best known for his decades-long tenure behind *The Tonight Show* desk, **Jay Leno** cut his teeth as one of the most incisive comedy voices of the 70s and 80s. This Television Hall of Fame inductee exudes an everyman style and personality, which has earned him millions of fans worldwide.*

****NATALIE COLE**

Saturday, August 1, 2015, 7:30 p.m. | WEILL HALL+ LAWN

*American singer-songwriter **Natalie Cole** was born into a musical dynasty – her father was legendary crooner Nat King Cole and her mother, Maria, was a jazz singer. For more than 40 years, Cole has been topping the pop, jazz, R&B and Latin charts — from her early mega-hit "This Will Be (An Everlasting Love)" to her career-defining album *Unforgettable*, in which she covered standards by her late father.*

****PIANOSONOMA**

Sunday, August 2, 2015, 3:00 p.m. | WEILL HALL

***pianoSonoma** is a music festival that brings together Artists in Residence, current conservatory music majors, recent graduates and adult musicians to collaborate and perform in private and public concerts and community workshops in Sonoma and Napa Counties. This intersection of Artists in Residence and adult participants creates a rich and vibrant experience, with weeklong sessions offering private lessons by Juilliard faculty, guided rehearsals, daily master classes and public performances.*

ORQUESTA BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB® ADIÓS TOUR

Sunday, August 16, 2015, 4 p.m. | WEILL HALL + LAWN

*The Green Music Center will be one of the final stops for **Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club** before returning to Cuba. Don't miss an opportunity to catch this legendary band as it wraps up its worldwide **Adiós Tour**.*

****CHRIS ISAAK**

Tuesday, August 18, 2015, 7:30 p.m. | WEILL HALL + LAWN

*As entertaining as he is talented, **Chris Isaak** performs one of the best live shows around. With his crazy costumes, wisecracking humor and sultry voice, he moves easily from rockabilly to blues to rock-and-roll, drawing his unmistakable sound from the greats like Roy Orbison and Elvis Presley.*

STEVE MARTIN and STEEP CANYON RANGERS

Thursday, August 20, 2015, 7:30 p.m. | WEILL HALL + LAWN

*Iconic comedian **Steve Martin** and the North Carolina-based bluegrass band **Steep Canyon Rangers** have been filling concert halls around the country since 2009. Blending Appalachian twang with Martin's trademark comedy, this musical alliance presents an unforgettable evening.*

DWIGHT YOAKAM

Friday, August 21, 2015, 7:30 p.m. | WEILL HALL + LAWN

*Johnny Cash called him "his favorite country singer." Chris Isaak said he was "as good a songwriter that ever put a pen to paper." Time Magazine dubbed him "a Renaissance Man." Whatever you call him, **Dwight Yoakam** is unmistakably a pioneer of country-rock music.*

COLBIE CAILLAT and CHRISTINA PERRI

THE GIRLS NIGHT OUT, BOYS CAN COME TOO TOUR

Sunday, August 23, 2015, 5 p.m. | WEILL HALL + LAWN

*You get two for the price of one with this duo of stellar singer-songwriters: Grammy® Award-winner **Colbie Caillat** and multi-platinum artist **Christina Perri** bring their **Girls Night Out, Boys Can Come Too Tour**.*

PINK MARTINI

Sunday, August 30, 2015, 4 p.m. | WEILL HALL + LAWN

*The group that calls itself "a little orchestra," will intoxicate you with its eclectic repertoire and vintage vibe. Bring the whole family to find out why **Pink Martini** "speaks to just about everybody ... from grade-schoolers to grandmothers to the young and hip and beautiful." (Washington Post)*

FREE CONCERT FOR THE COMMUNITY: TIEMPO LIBRE

Sunday, September 6, 2015, 7 p.m. | WEILL HALL + LAWN

*The Santa Rosa Symphony and the Green Music Center present a free concert for the community, featuring the three-time Grammy-nominated Cuban music group **Tiempo Libre** and Santa Rosa Symphony under the baton of Principal Pops Conductor **Michael Berkowitz**. Tickets to the concert are free but must be reserved in advance.*

CHRIS BOTTI

Friday, September 11, 2015, 7:30 p.m. | WEILL HALL + LAWN

*Grammy Award-winning trumpeter **Chris Botti** has performed in some amazing rooms — from the White House to the Oprah Winfrey Show — and he famously brought Colts wide receiver Reggie Wayne to tears with his rendition of the national anthem at a Monday Night Football game. Let this performer move you with his special brand of jazz.*

JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA WITH WYNTON MARSALIS

Thursday, September 17, 2015, 7:30 p.m. | WEILL HALL

*Nine-time Grammy® Award-winner **Wynton Marsalis** doesn't just play jazz, he lives and breathes it. Whether you love the standards or seek new horizons, Marsalis and the **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra** will thrill you with their historically informed approach to jazz classics, as well as their playing of scores hot off the presses.*

KRISTIN CHENOWETH

COMING HOME TOUR

Friday, September 25, 2015, 7:30 | WEILL HALL + LAWN

*Fresh from Broadway, where she played Lily in *On the Twentieth Century* to rave reviews, Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress and singer **Kristin Chenoweth** brings the GMC summer season to a rousing conclusion. Revel in what the New York Daily News called the "nuclear glow" of this "stick of blond dynamite."*

MORE SHOWS TO BE ANNOUNCED

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Call **1.866.955.6040** or visit us online at gmc.sonoma.edu.

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Weill Hall + Lawn Summer Dining

Dining offerings at the Green Music Center are expanded during the summer months in Weill Hall + Lawn.

- Dining Terrace: Concertgoers pair a pre-concert, three-course meal with the finest outdoor table seats (available at select concerts).
- Pre-Ordered Meals: Instead of packing a picnic, pre-ordered boxed meals and small platters are available from San Francisco's iconic Boudin Bakery.
- Concessions: A wide variety of on-site concessions provide options for both Weill Hall and Lawn patrons. From savory meals to sweet snacks, options are abundant. (Concertgoers save 10% with a MasterCard).
- Pack a Picnic: Enjoy a homemade feast at the outdoor tables or on Weill Lawn.
- Wine and Beer: A day in Sonoma's Wine Country isn't complete without a remarkable vintage. Choose from a selection of prizewinning reds, whites and sparklings, not to mention the best domestic and craft brews.
- Prelude Restaurant: Open pre-show, during intermission, and following every concert in the summer.

For information visit: gmc.sonoma.edu/visit/Dining

* *No outside liquids (including water, beer, wine or sodas) may be carried into the hall or onto the lawn.*

* *Free water bottle-filling stations are available at the Trione Courtyard in front of Weill Hall and at the South Restrooms.*

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