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## SEPTEMBER 2016 AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

**The Avett Brothers & GMC's Inaugural Craft Beer Fest**  
**Rock Icon Melissa Etheridge**  
**Guitarist Pat Metheny**  
**Singer-Songwriter Gavin DeGraw**  
**Country Music Favorites Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Chris Young**  
**Shakespeare's 400<sup>th</sup> with Derek Jacobi and The Folger Consort**  
**Nick Offerman and Megan Mullally— Summer Of 69: No Apostrophe**

(Sonoma County, CA) — Sonoma State University's **Green Music Center** finishes its 2016 Summer Season with an eclectic mix of performances throughout the month of September at Weill Hall + Lawn. Concerts range from iconic rock and comedy acts to a pairing of the folk stylings of The Avett Brothers with GMC's inaugural Craft Beer Fest (Sept. 15).

The Summer 2016 MasterCard Performance Series starts off September with rock icon, cancer survivor, and activist **Melissa Etheridge** in concert Saturday, September 3, at 7:30 p.m. Singer-songwriter **Gavin DeGraw** fans can expect to hear songs from his 10-plus year career including classics "I Don't Wanna Be" and "Not Over You," Sunday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. Both artists have albums due out later this year.

Legendary guitarist **Pat Metheny** takes the stage Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., with special guests Antonio Sanchez, Linda Oh, and Gwilym Simcock. On Thursday, September 15, at 5:30 p.m., the Green Music Center launches its inaugural **Craft Beer Fest**, featuring an amazing lineup of brews combined with folk rock favorites **The Avett Brothers**. Guests will be able to sample beers and ciders from local breweries including 101 North, Anderson Valley, Berryessa Brewing, Henhouse, Lagunitas, Napa Palisades, Petaluma Hills, Sonoma Cider, and Unita. All proceeds go to support the Green Music Center's free Jazz for Young People Concert, Saturday, October 1, at 1:00 p.m., featuring **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis**, as part of the center's ongoing community engagement and outreach efforts.

The month continues as the **Nitty Gritty Dirt Band** celebrates 50 years of music making Friday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. Comedy power couple **Nick Offerman** and **Megan Mullally** shed humorous insight into their marriage with their "Summer of 69: No Apostrophe" tour, Sunday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Summer 2016 concludes with a diverse weekend of entertainment including country star **Chris Young**, Saturday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m.; **Shanghai Acrobats of the People's Republic of China**, Sunday, September 25, at 2:00 p.m.; and celebrate **Shakespeare's 400<sup>th</sup>** with noted actor **Derek Jacobi**, actor/director **Richard Clifford**, **NapaShakes**, and the acclaimed early musicians of **Folger Consort**, in a special mash-up of Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure* with excerpts from Henry Purcell's chamber opera *Dido and Aeneas*, Sunday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m.

During the months of July, August, and September, the rear wall of Weill Hall is fully opened to reveal the beautifully landscaped and terraced Weill Lawn. A large video screen projects the performance on stage in real time so that every patron on Weill Lawn has a close-up view of the stage. Seating is available both inside the concert hall and outdoors in table and lawn seating taking full advantage of unparalleled views of the Sonoma mountains. Lawn patrons are encouraged to bring blankets and low-back folding chairs, and to pack a picnic or enjoy on-site concessions during the concert. Outside liquids are not permitted on-site. Free water bottle filling stations are available. Lawn tickets for children ages 2-12 are half price for the duration of the summer and children under 2 are free.

Tickets are available. Call 1.866.955.6040 or visit [gmc.sonoma.edu](http://gmc.sonoma.edu).

## SUMMER 2016 Weill Hall + Lawn at the Green Music Center

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### M.E. LIVE – MELISSA ETHERIDGE

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Saturday, September 3, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | Gates open 5:30 p.m.

One of rock music's great female icons, a breast cancer survivor, and an outspoken advocate of female empowerment, Melissa Etheridge is a multifaceted force of nature. With a string of hits including "Bring Me Some Water" and "I'm the Only One" she has carved out a unique path to stardom with her unmistakable vocals and deeply personal lyrics.

**Indoor Tickets:** \$45 – \$75 | **Outdoor Table Tickets:** \$40 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$25 (kids \$12.50)

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### GAVIN DEGRAW

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Sunday, September 11, 2016, 7 p.m. | Gates open 5 p.m.

Rising to fame with the hit single "I Don't Want To Be," singer-songwriter Gavin DeGraw has since paved an impressive career with his distinctively soulful voice and ability to craft beautifully melodic songs. His latest album *Make a Move* finds McGraw exploring a vast musical palette with his emotionally rich lyrics and signature vocals.

**Indoor Tickets:** \$45 – \$65 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$30 (kids \$15)

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**AN EVENING WITH PAT METHENY****with ANTONIO SANCHEZ, LINDA OH & GWILYM SIMCOCK**

WEILL HALL at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

With his signature playing style blending loose and flexible modern techniques with elements of traditional jazz including blues and swing, guitarist Pat Metheny is continually redefining the genre of “jazz guitar.” A highly versatile performer, he has shared the stage with a variety of diverse artists from Ornette Coleman to David Bowie.

**Indoor Tickets: \$30 – \$50**

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**THE AVETT BROTHERS and GMC’s Inaugural CRAFT BEER FEST**

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Thursday, September 15, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | Gates open 5:30 p.m.

There is no smoke and mirrors when it comes to The Avett Brothers. Blending folk, bluegrass and southern rock they create songs that are honest: just chords with real voices singing real melodies. Their energetic live performance is a celebration of songs that sing to the heart and dance with the soul.

**Indoor Tickets: \$45 – \$65 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$49.50 (kids \$24.75)****Craft Beer Fest Tickets\*:** \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; \$15 students

\*unlimited tasting (includes commemorative glass)

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**NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND: 50 YEARS OF DIRT**

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Friday, September 16, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | Gates open 5:30 p.m.

The iconic Nitty Gritty Dirt Band celebrates 50 years of making hard-hitting country rock and American Roots Music. Cementing their legendary status through riveting live performances and a string of unforgettable hits, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band is looking forward to another “50 Years of Dirt!” Opening the show will be singer-songwriter Will Hoge.

**Indoor Tickets: \$45 – \$65 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$40 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$25 (kids \$12.50)**

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**NICK OFFERMAN AND MEGAN MULLALLY— SUMMER OF 69: NO APOSTROPHE**

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Sunday, September 18, 2016, 7 p.m. | Gates open 5 p.m.

Nick Offerman and Megan Mullally are yanking the britches right off of their marriage, exposing the salacious details of their fiery union for all the world to enjoy, featuring songs, funny talking, heavy ribaldry, light petting and an astonishing final act of completion.

\*Contains strong adult material.

**Indoor Tickets:** \$45 – \$65 | **Outdoor Table Tickets:** \$40 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$25 (kids \$12.50)

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## **CHRIS YOUNG**

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Saturday, September 24, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | Gates open 5:30 p.m.

A powerhouse songwriter with a classic baritone, Chris Young is, “One of country music’s most reliable hitmakers” (*USA Today*). At the age of 30, Young is a dynamic live performer who has already amassed six #1 singles and has frequently been declared one of country music’s sexiest men.

**Indoor Tickets:** \$65 – \$85 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$45 (kids \$22.50)

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## **SHANGHAI ACROBATS OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA — SHANGHAI NIGHTS!**

WEILL HALL at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Sunday, September 25, 2016, 2 p.m.

The Shanghai Acrobats of the People’s Republic of China debut their new program “Shanghai Nights!” This brand new show features more than one hundred of China’s top acrobats, blending breath-taking excitement with beautiful elegance. The stories presented will be told through the beauty of movement, music, and color, each highlighting the wonderfully diverse nature of Shanghai.

**Indoor Tickets:** \$25 – \$85

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## **SHAKESPEARE’S 400<sup>TH</sup>**

**excerpts from *MEASURE FOR MEASURE* featuring DEREK JACOBI**

**combined with PURCELL’S *DIDO AND AENEAS* with THE FOLGER CONSORT and SOLOISTS**

**presented in association with THE FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY & NAPASHAKES**

WEILL HALL at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Sunday, September 25, 2016, 7 p.m.

Folger Shakespeare Library and NapaShakes presents renowned actor Derek Jacobi with actor/director Richard Clifford and the acclaimed early musicians of Folger Consort in an extraordinary production combining dramatic readings of Shakespeare’s *Measure for Measure* with excerpts from Henry Purcell’s chamber opera *Dido and Aeneas* to create a perfect depiction of the ecstasy and excesses of love.

**Indoor Tickets:** \$25 – \$85

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## **SUMMER DINING AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER**

Concertgoers not only get to hear great music at Green Music Center performances, they have an array of dining options — from enjoying an elegant full-service meal at Prelude Restaurant, to a casual bring-your-own picnic on Weill Lawn with the option of purchasing local wine or beer from a GMC kiosk.

## **PRELUDE RESTAURANT**

Elegant surroundings, gourmet cuisine, and a full bar are just steps away from Weill Hall pre-concert, at intermission and following every performance. For reservations, call 1.866.955.6040, ext. 2 or visit [gmc.sonoma.edu/prelude](http://gmc.sonoma.edu/prelude).

## **WEILL LAWN SUMMER DINING**

- **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.
- **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 prize-winning reds, whites, and sparklings, not to mention the best domestic and craft brews.

For information visit: [gmc.sonoma.edu/visit/Dining](http://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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