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THREE CONCERTS JUST ADDED FOR SUMMER 2015

STEVE MARTIN AND STEEP CANYON RANGERS, AUGUST 20
COUNTRY SINGER-SONGWRITER DWIGHT YOAKAM, AUGUST 21
JAZZ TRUMPETER CHRIS BOTTI, SEPTEMBER 11

TICKETS AVAILABLE BEGINNING MAY 20 FOR
SUMMER 2015 MASTERCARD PERFORMANCE SERIES
AT WEILL HALL + LAWN AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Sonoma County, CA — Three new concerts have just been added to the Summer 2015 MasterCard Performance Series at Weill Hall + Lawn at Sonoma State University's Green Music Center. The newly-added performances include: comedian, actor and banjo player **Steve Martin** and bluegrass band **Steep Canyon Rangers** (Aug. 20), country singer-songwriter **Dwight Yoakam** (Aug. 21) and jazz trumpeter **Chris Botti** (Sep. 11) with his band. All three concerts take place in the 1,400-seat Weill Hall with seating both in the hall and on the outdoor grass and terraces of Weill Lawn.

Tickets for these three new shows will be available to MasterCard cardholders and subscribers beginning Wednesday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. (PST). Tickets for the general public will be available beginning Friday, May 22 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 a swing band — 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**.*

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**.*

****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*)*

****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 special 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

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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TICKETS FOR NEWLY ANNOUNCED SUMMER 2015 PERFORMANCES:

Available to MasterCard cardholders and subscribers, Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (PST)

Available to the general public Friday, May 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (PST)

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The Box Office is open Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., and one hour prior to all concerts.

During regular business hours, the Green Music Center Box Office is located on the first floor of the Sonoma State University Student Center. 1801 East Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park, CA 94928.

One hour prior to all Green Music Center performances, the Box Office is located adjacent to the Trione Courtyard in front of Weill Hall at the Green Music Center.

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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