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**GREEN MUSIC CENTER ANNOUNCES LINEUP FOR
SUMMER 2016 IN WEILL HALL + LAWN**

JULY 4 – SEPTEMBER 25 Featuring

23 Events Spanning Country, Pop, Latin, Folk, Rock, Bluegrass and Comedy

MasterCard Performance Series Highlights Include

Boz Scaggs and Robert Cray; The Hollywood Vampires;

Chris Young; The Avett Brothers; The Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma;

Second Annual Bluegrass Festival with David Grisman, Sam Bush and Jeff Austin Band;

Comedians “Weird Al” Yankovic, Gabriel Iglesias,

Trevor Noah, Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman

Summer Kicks Off with Annual July 4 Fireworks Spectacular

with the Santa Rosa Symphony and Steve Tyrell

Sonoma State University’s On Campus Presents Country Star Hunter Hayes (August 28)

FREE Events Include Annual Concert for the Community Co-Presented by

the Green Music Center and the Santa Rosa Symphony and featuring

Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles and the Santa Rosa Symphony (July 31);

7-Movie Star Wars Marathon on Weill Lawn (August 26–27)



(Sonoma County, CA) — **Weill Hall + Lawn at Sonoma State University’s Green Music Center (GMC)** announces the lineup for the **Summer 2016 Season**—the GMC’s fourth summer season in Weill Hall + Lawn.

The season comprises 23 performances from the genres of country, pop, Latin, folk, rock and bluegrass music, as well as several comedy shows and an outdoor movie marathon.

Performers include **Jeff Austin Band, The Avett Brothers, Marcia Ball, Sam Bush, The Robert Cray Band, Melissa Etheridge, Folger Consort, The David Grisman Bluegrass Experience, Hot Tuna, Hunter Hayes, Hollywood Vampires, Gabriel Iglesias, Derek Jacobi, Los Tigres del Norte, Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles, Pat Metheny, Megan Mullally, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Trevor Noah, Nick Offerman, The Santa Rosa Symphony, Boz Scaggs, Shanghai Acrobats of the People's Republic of China, The Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma, Lindsey Stirling, Taj Mahal, Steve Tyrell, "Weird Al" Yankovic and Chris Young.**

"This is my second summer here, and I've had a great time putting together the lineup," commented GMC Senior Director of Popular Programming Peter Williams. "I think you'll find something here for everyone, some comedy, pop, bluegrass, big names and new talents. What I love about Weill Hall + Lawn is that you can sit inside and listen in a concert setting, or sit outside and have a picnic with family and friends. Either way, you'll enjoy a great show in a beautiful setting."

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 to Summer 2016 in Weill Hall + Lawn go on sale to MasterCard cardholders and 2015/16 GMC Season subscribers on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 10 a.m. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 10 a.m. Call 1.866.955.6040 or visit gmc.sonoma.edu.

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SUMMER 2016

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JULY 4 FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR with STEVE TYRELL and the SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY conducted by MICHAEL BERKOWITZ

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Monday, July 4, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | Gates open 4:30 p.m.

Fireworks light up the sky for Rohnert Park's premier Fourth of July Festivity! The Summer 2016 MasterCard Performance Series starts off with a bang as masterful vocalist Steve Tyrell, along with the Santa Rosa Symphony, takes the stage to perform soulful renditions of everyone's favorite classics from the American Songbook. Families – Make sure to arrive early and check out our lawn festival beginning at 4:30 p.m., complete with carnival games, bounce houses and face painting, as well as food, music and more!

Indoor Tickets: \$40 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$40 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$25 (kids \$12.50)

SECOND ANNUAL GMC BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL featuring THE DAVID GRISMAN BLUEGRASS EXPERIENCE, SAM BUSH and JEFF AUSTIN BAND – THE MANDO KINGS

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Sunday, July 10, 2016, 3 p.m. | Gates open 1 p.m.

A star-studded event featuring a who's-who in bluegrass music, the GMC's Second Annual Bluegrass Festival is quickly becoming an annual favorite in Sonoma County. The Mando Kings – Dave Grisman, Sam Bush and Jeff Austin will astound with their virtuosity, each bringing a distinct style and blend to the bluegrass sound. These multifaceted titans of the genre will move you and shake you with their fiery performances.

Indoor Tickets: \$45 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$25 (kids \$12.50)

BOZ SCAGGS AND THE ROBERT CRAY BAND

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Thursday, July 14, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | Gates open 5:30 p.m.

Boz Scaggs, with his unmistakable sly drawl has captivated audiences worldwide with hits including "Lowdown" and "Lido Shuffle." Preceded by a performance by blues-rock guitar powerhouse Robert Cray and his band, they are sure to rock the stage in this dynamite double bill of two masterful bluesmen.

Indoor Tickets: \$45–\$85 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$40 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$25 (kids \$12.50)

FUSE PRESENTS

GABRIEL “FLUFFY” IGLESIAS – #FluffyBreaksEven

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Saturday, July 16, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | Gates open 5:30 p.m.

Electrifying comedian Gabriel Iglesias a.k.a “Fluffy” brings his personal experiences to life with a unique mix of storytelling, parodies and characters to create a high-octane show for all ages. Iglesias’s hit DVD’s “Hot & Fluffy” and “I’m Not Fat...I’m Fluffy” have sold over 1 million copies, and have helped make him one of today’s most in-demand comedians.

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

THE HOLLYWOOD VAMPIRES

featuring ALICE COOPER, JOHNNY DEPP and JOE PERRY

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Friday, July 22, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | Gates open 5:30 p.m.

The iconic “shock rock” pioneer Alice Cooper, Hollywood royalty Johnny Depp, and Aerosmith’s guitar slinger Joe Perry join forces to resurrect rock ‘n’ roll classics with the energy of the hard partying 70’s. Get ready for a high voltage, hard rock spectacle only the Hollywood Vampires can deliver!

Indoor Tickets: \$85–\$135 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$55 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$40 (kids \$20)

BLUES AT THE GREEN

featuring THE TAJ MAHAL TRIO, HOT TUNA ACOUSTIC and MARCIA BALL

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Saturday, July 23, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | Gates open 5:30 p.m.

Infusing the blues with the exotic sounds of the Caribbean, Africa and the South Pacific, the incomparable singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Taj Mahal is one of the most powerfully soulful blues musicians of all time. Joining him in this triple bill is the masterful blues and roots music duo Hot Tuna, as well as New Orleans pianist Marcia Ball.

Indoor Tickets: \$35–\$65 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$40 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$25 (kids \$12.50)

“WEIRD AL” YANKOVIC: THE MANDATORY WORLD TOUR

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

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

The biggest-selling comedy recording artist in history – “Weird Al” Yankovic is now in his fourth career decade and has received countless accolades for his popular song parodies like “Eat It,” “Amish Paradise,” and more recently “Tacky” and “Word Crimes.” His latest album *Mandatory Fun* became the first comedy album to ever debut at #1 on the Billboard Top 200.

Indoor Tickets: \$45 – \$60 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$40 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$25 (kids \$12.50)

¡VIVA MARIACHI! – A FREE CONCERT FOR THE COMMUNITY presented by the GREEN MUSIC CENTER and the SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY featuring MARIACHI REYNA DE LOS ANGELES and the SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY conducted by MICHAEL BERKOWITZ

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Sunday, July 31, 2016, 7 p.m. | Gates open 5 p.m.

Come enjoy FREE live music and warm sunshine at our locally favorite Community Concert! A joint collaboration between Weill Hall and the Santa Rosa Symphony, the Community Concert is presented free of charge as a thank you to our community. This year we feature the first all female Mariachi phenomenon - Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles!

Indoor Tickets, Outdoor Table Tickets and Outdoor Lawn Tickets: FREE (ticket needed for entry)

**Free tickets available beginning July 5, 2016 at 10 a.m.

LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

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

With over 37 million albums sold, 22 #1 albums and over 50 #1 singles, Los Tigres Del Norte are the undisputed masters of Regional Mexican Music. Come be part of the movement as the frequently proclaimed “voice of the people” continue to blaze new trails in Latin music. Opening the show will be Latin actor and comedian Paul Rodriguez.

Indoor Tickets: \$50–\$80 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$40 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$25 (kids \$12.50)

LINDSEY STIRLING – SUMMER TOUR 2016

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Thursday, August 11, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | Gates open 5:30 p.m.

A revolution unto herself, Lindsey Stirling has virtually created a whole new genre of music. This chart-topping violinist lives in a world of electronic beats, dance music and classical violin. Follow this rave fairy into a world of her own creation – and wait for the rest of the world to catch up.

Indoor Tickets: \$35–\$55 | **Outdoor Table Tickets:** \$40 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$25 (kids \$12.50)

THE SILK ROAD ENSEMBLE WITH YO-YO MA

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Friday, August 19, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | Gates open 5:30 p.m.

Formed under the artistic direction of world famous cellist Yo-Yo Ma, The Silk Road Ensemble features performers from over 20 countries working together to create a new musical language. Drawing on a rich tapestry of traditions these musicians celebrate the multiplicity of approaches to music from around the world.

Indoor Tickets: \$45 – \$125 | **Outdoor Table Tickets:** \$45 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$25 (kids \$12.50)

TREVOR NOAH

Host of *The Daily Show on Comedy Central*

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Saturday, August 20, 2016, 7:30 p.m. | Gates open 5:30 p.m.

The new host for Comedy Central’s Emmy Award-winning “The Daily Show,” Trevor Noah is breaking new comedic ground, bringing a fresh, new perspective to the long running satiric news institution. In addition to his new hosting gig, Noah recently debuted his own stand-up special on Comedy Central, *Trevor Noah: Lost in Translation*.

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

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU—A STAR WARS MOVIE MARATHON WEEKEND

WEILL LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Presented by Campus Programming, On Campus Presents and the Green Music Center

Friday, August 26 – Saturday, August 27, 2016

Friday, August 26 at 3 p.m.

STAR WARS Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999)

STAR WARS Episode II – Attack of the Clones (2002)

STAR WARS Episode III – Revenge of the Sith (2005)

Saturday, August 27 at 11 a.m.

STAR WARS Episode IV – A New Hope (1977)

STAR WARS Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980)

STAR WARS Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983)

STAR WARS Episode VII – The Force Awakens (2015)

All seven iconic Star Wars films presented on the big screen outside beautiful Weill Hall. Don't miss this epic presentation of the preeminent saga of the dark side against the light. Come join us on Weill Lawn and prepare to make the jump to light speed as we take you to a galaxy far far away...

Outdoor Lawn Tickets: FREE, NO ticket needed for entry

HUNTER HAYES

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

On Campus Presents

Sunday, August 28, 2016, 7 p.m. | Gates open 5 p.m.

Country-rock-blues superstar Hunter Hayes is leading country music's youth revolution. With hit singles including "Wanted" and "I Want Crazy," this multi-instrumentalist is exploring uncharted territory as the youngest male act ever to top the Billboard Hot Country song chart.

Indoor Tickets: \$40 – \$50 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$30 (kids \$15)

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)

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)

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

THE AVETT BROTHERS

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)

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)

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)

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)

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

SHAKESPEARE'S 400TH

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

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.

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 prizewinning reds, whites and sparklings, not to mention the best domestic and craft brews.

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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