

FOR **GREEN MUSIC CENTER** **AT SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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WEILL HALL + LAWN AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER PRESENTS PUNCH BROTHERS Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.

(Sonoma County, CA) – Weill Hall + Lawn at Sonoma State University's Green Music Center (GMC) presents the bluegrass quintet Punch Brothers on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Four-time nominated Punch Brothers have been making music as a group since 2006. They have put out four albums and have appeared on film soundtracks such as *Hunger Games*, *This is 40*, and *Inside Llewn Davis*. The Washington Post says, "With enthusiasm and experimentation, Punch Brothers take bluegrass to its next evolutionary stage, drawing equal inspiration from the brain and the heart."

A longing for community and connection and a desire to discover how today's technology affects human interaction inspired Punch Brothers' latest album. After taking a slight break from their rigorous performance schedule, Punch Brothers took time to go on writing retreats where they were able to focus on their album without pressure. Under the production of T Bone Burnett Punch Brothers were able to create *The Phosphorescent Blues*, which was nominated for a Grammy under the category of Best Americana Album.

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 the Punch Brothers at the Green Music Center go on sale to 2017–18 GMC Season subscribers on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at 10 a.m. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Friday, March 2, 2018, at 10 a.m. Call 1.866.955.6040 or visit gmc.sonoma.edu.

SUMMER 2018

Weill Hall + Lawn at the Green Music Center

PUNCH BROTHERS

Opening Act: Madison Cunningham

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Thursday, August 23, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Gates open 5:30 p.m.

The Grammy Award Winning **PUNCH BROTHERS** are not your typical bluegrass band... Led by the superstar mandolinist Chris Thile, this acoustic band of "brothers" have solidified their status as one of the most exciting groups in acoustic music, living on the cutting edge of genre-bending artistic innovation.

The Chicago Tribune called their latest album, 2015's *The Phosphorescent Blues*, "[a] mélange of avant-roots music that fuses jazz instrumental chops and acoustic earthiness, Beach Boys harmonies and Debussy string dances, slinky acoustic rock songs and blues laments."

Tickets start at \$25.

SUMMER AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The Green Music Center at Sonoma State University is committed to ensuring that all patrons have a wonderful time while they are here. We ask all of our guests to conduct themselves in a respectful way in accordance with the code of conduct and all laws and local ordinances. To get up to speed with GMC policies and concert guidelines, please visit gmc.sonoma.edu/go.

PRELUDE RESTAURANT

Elegant surroundings, gourmet cuisine, and a full bar are just steps away from Weill Hall pre-concert, at intermission and following most performances. For reservations, call 1.866.955.6040, ext. 2 or visit gmc.sonoma.edu/prelude.

GROUP SALES

Enjoy Special Group Benefits at the Green Music Center! Whether you're planning an outing for an organization, corporate clients, school, club, or tour group, a visit to the Green Music Center

can open new doors and create memories for a lifetime. Experience a great performance by the world's finest artists with your group of 10 or more and enjoy exclusive group benefits. Save up to 30% on select concerts. Contact the Box Office at 1.866.955.6040 or tickets@sonoma.edu for the most up-to-date pricing and availability.

ABOUT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

The Green Music Center (GMC) is the performing arts presenting and producing organization based at Sonoma State University. Surrounded by the foothills of Northern California's esteemed Wine Country, the GMC campus includes the 1,400-seat Weill Hall, with a modular rear wall that opens to terraced lawn seating for a unique summertime concert-going experience, and the intimate 240-seat Schroeder Hall. The GMC is a focal point for the arts and education in the region, presenting year-round programming of top classical, contemporary, jazz, and world music artists, and is the home of the Santa Rosa Symphony.

ABOUT SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Sonoma State University is a public liberal arts college located in California's premier wine country, one hour north of San Francisco. Nestled at the base of the idyllic Sonoma Mountains, the campus is home to more than 9,000 undergraduate students and is among the most popular campuses in the California State University system. Named a "Most Wired" campus by The Princeton Review and a "Best Regional University" by U.S. News & World Report, SSU was first in the country to offer an undergraduate degree in Wine Business.

** 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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