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GREEN MUSIC CENTER ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2018 LINEUP

Performances by
GABRIEL “FLUFFY” IGLESIAS, HUNTER HAYES, CHRIS BOTTI,
BOYZ II MEN, PUNCH BROTHERS, THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR AND
ORCHESTRA,
LOS TUCANES DE TIJUANA, AND LYLE LOVETT

Plus, the Return of Green Music Center Favorites
4th OF JULY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR
BLUEGRASS and CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL
BLUES AT THE GREEN
FREE MOVIES AT THE GREEN

AND
A FREE CONCERT FOR THE COMMUNITY
CO-PRESENTED WITH THE SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY
FEATURING MARIACHI CHAMPAÑA NEVÍN



(Sonoma County, CA) — The **Green Music Center at Sonoma State University** announced today the Summer 2018 lineup, its sixth season of summer programming. The summer season comprises 12 performances, spanning the genres from country and pop to Latin, jazz, R&B, and bluegrass music, plus the return of the popular Free Movies at the Green series. More performances to be announced June 10, 2018, at 10 a.m.

Performers include Boyz II Men, Chris Botti, Deva Mahal, Eric Lindell & The Grand Nationals, Gabriel “Fluffy” Iglesias, Hunter Hayes, Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, Laurie Lewis & The Right Hands, Los Tucanes de Tijuana, Lyle Lovett, Maceo Parker Big Band, Mariachi Champaña Nevín, Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square, Punch Brothers, the Santa Rosa Symphony, and Transcendence Theatre Company.

Green Music Center Executive Director Jacob Yarrow reflects, “I am thrilled to share our summer lineup. We are excited to welcome back some fantastic, familiar faces and to introduce some brilliant newcomers to the Green Music Center. I’ve enjoyed working with my team to program my first summer season, and I think that we have a wide variety of great shows that our whole community can take part in.”

During July, August, and September, the rear wall of Weill Hall is fully opened to reveal the beautifully landscaped and terraced Weill Lawn. A giant 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.

New for Summer 2018, tumblers are now available for purchase at our concession stands and may be brought into Weill Hall. Outside liquids are not permitted on-site. Free water bottle filling stations are available. For all summer performances, lawn tickets for children ages 2-12 are half price and children under two are free.

Tickets to Summer 2018 at the Green Music Center go on sale to Mastercard cardholders and 2017–18 GMC Season subscribers on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 10 a.m. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 10 a.m. Call 1.866.955.6040 or visit gmc.sonoma.edu.

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Bluegrass & Craft Beer Festival is sponsored in part by BiBi’s Burger Bar
Blues at the Green is sponsored in part by Lagunitas and Sonoma Cutrer
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Chris Botti is sponsored in part by the Press Democrat
Boyz II Men is sponsored in part by Breathless Sparkling Wines
Punch Brothers is sponsored in part by Ballast Point and Sonoma Cutrer
Lyle Lovett is sponsored in part by Martin Ray and Willow Creek Wealth Management
Free Movies at the Green is sponsored in part by Jimmy Johns

GREEN MUSIC CENTER at SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

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**MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA AT TEMPLE SQUARE
WEILL HALL + LAWN**

Wednesday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m.
Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

The beloved **MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR** makes a special stop in Sonoma County as part of their 2018 Classic Coast Tour. The performance will center around works from the Choir's vast repertoire which ranges from choral masterworks to inspirational music and much more. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir is a rich celebration of the choral tradition – an event the whole family can enjoy!

Indoor Tickets: \$45-\$80 | **Outdoor Table Tickets:** \$40 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$25

FREE MOVIES ON THE GREEN

Coco (2017)

WEILL LAWN

Friday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy FREE Movies at the Green this Summer! Pack a picnic and lay a blanket out on the beautifully landscaped Weill Lawn, as we screen movies on our outdoor jumbotron. Concessions will be available for each show.

Presented in part by Sonoma State University Student Involvement.

Outdoor Lawn Tickets: FREE – No ticket needed for entry

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

TRANSCENDENCE THEATRE COMPANY and the SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY

MICHAEL BERKOWITZ, CONDUCTOR

WEILL HALL + LAWN

Wednesday, July 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Gates & Kids Zone open at 4:30 p.m.

Be amazed by the most massive fireworks display in Sonoma County, with our most exciting 4th of July program to date! This year **TRANSCENDENCE THEATRE COMPANY**, best known for their Broadway Under the Stars performances, joins the **SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY** to present a show-stopping program celebrating the spirit of America! Bring the whole family – lawn tickets for kids 12 and under are half price, and kids under two are free!

Families – Make sure to arrive early and check out our Kids Zone beginning at 4:30 p.m., complete with carnival games, bounce houses, face painting, plus food, music, and more!

Indoor Tickets: \$40 | **Outdoor Table Tickets:** \$40 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$25

GABRIEL “FLUFFY” IGLESIAS – “ONE SHOW FITS ALL” WORLD TOUR

Mastercard Performance Series

WEILL HALL + LAWN

Saturday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

One of today's most successful stand-up comedians – **GABRIEL “FLUFFY” IGLESIAS** has over 350 Million views on YouTube and is selling out shows from New York to LA. In his new world tour “One Show Fits All,” Fluffy brings his personal experiences to life with a hilarious mixture of storytelling, parodies, characters, and sound effects.

SPECIAL EVENT: South of the Border Beer Tasting – Grupo Modelo Mexico

Join us for a special tasting of selections from the Corona – Modelo family of imported Mexican beers. For just \$10 enjoy unlimited, special tastes of Corona, Modelo, Victoria, and more! The tasting will begin on the Prelude Wedding lawn at 6 p.m.

Indoor Tickets: \$45-\$75 | **Outdoor Table Tickets:** \$40 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$25

**BLUEGRASS & CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL
RICKY SKAGGS & KENTUCKY THUNDER
LAURIE LEWIS & THE RIGHT HANDS**

Mastercard Performance Series

Sunday, July 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Gates open at 12:00 p.m.

Craft Beer Fest from 12-3:30 p.m.

Sonoma County's signature bluegrass festival returns this year with a hard-hitting lineup featuring the man Chet Atkins once credited as "single-handedly saving country music." Now a fifteen-time Grammy® Award-winner, **RICKY SKAGGS**, and his bluegrass band **KENTUCKY THUNDER** are doing their part in leading a roots music revival. Also joining us for this bluegrass barnburner is the renowned **LAURIE LEWIS**, a songwriter, and fiddler who Acoustic Guitar Magazine hails as "one of the contemporary acoustic music scene's most skilled and enduring performers."

Take your bluegrass experience to another level, and pair the concert with our **3RD ANNUAL CRAFT BEER FEST!** Featuring unlimited tastings of some of the best craft beers the North Bay has to offer, this year we feature over 20 breweries including Lagunitas, Bear Republic, Henhouse, North Coast, and more!

Indoor Tickets: \$45-\$55 | **No Outdoor Tables for this Performance** | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$25
Craft Beer Festival: \$30 (with purchase of concert ticket)

LOS TUCANES DE TIJUANA

WEILL HALL + LAWN

Saturday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

LOS TUCANES DE TIJUANA has been one of the most significant groups in Latin American music for decades, garnering millions of album sales and rave reviews of their live performances. The corridos of Los Tucanes de Tijuana have been described as "unique," "authentic," and "without comparison," consistently speaking their minds, while instilling a positive message in the minds of audiences worldwide.

Indoor Tickets: \$45-\$75 | **Outdoor Table Tickets:** \$40 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$25

FREE MOVIES ON THE GREEN

Annie (2014) and *The Greatest Showman (2017)*

WEILL LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Sunday, July 22 at 3 p.m.

Enjoy FREE Movies at the Green this Summer! Pack a picnic and lay out on the beautifully landscaped Weill Lawn, as we screen movies on our outdoor jumbotron. Concessions will be available for each show.

Presented in part by Sonoma State University Student Involvement.

Outdoor Lawn Tickets: FREE – No ticket needed for entry

**BLUES AT THE GREEN
MACEO PARKER BIG BAND
ERIC LINDELL & THE GRAND NATIONALS
DEVA MAHAL**

Mastercard Performance Series

WEILL HALL + LAWN

Saturday, July 28 at 2 p.m.

Gates open at 12 p.m.

“Hey, Maceo! Blow!” funk pioneer James Brown would shout as his band was hitting its peak. Today saxophonist **MACEO PARKER** embodies the legacy of soul, blues, and funk like no other musician, having collaborated with original icons like James Brown, George Clinton, and Prince. Joining him for this 3rd Annual Blues at the Green is New Orleans based singer/songwriter **ERIC LINDELL & THE GRAND NATIONALS**, as well as the daughter of blues Icon Taj Mahal, powerhouse vocalist, **DEVA MAHAL**.

SPECIAL EVENT: Blues & Brews – Lagunitas Beer Garden

For only \$15 in addition to your concert ticket, you can enjoy unlimited tastes of some of Lagunitas’ superb, lesser-known craft offerings. Tasting begins at 6 p.m. on the Prelude Wedding Lawn and runs until show time.

Indoor Tickets: \$35-\$75 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$40 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$25

A FREE CONCERT FOR THE COMMUNITY

Presented by the Green Music Center and Santa Rosa Symphony

MARIACHI CHAMPAÑA NEVÍN and the SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Sunday, July 29 at 7 p.m.

Gates open at 5 p.m.

Enjoy FREE live music at our annual Community Concert! A collaboration between the Green Music Center and the Santa Rosa Symphony, the Community Concert is presented free of charge as a thank you to our community. This year’s concert features the **SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY** with special guests **MARIACHI CHAMPAÑA NEVÍN**, one of the leading proponents of “classical mariachi music.” A unique blend of musicians steeped in mariachi and classical traditions, this unique ensemble fully embraces the ideals of traditional Mexican music with a Classical music twist.

Indoor Tickets, Outdoor Table Tickets, and Outdoor Lawn Tickets: FREE

(Ticket needed for entry - Maximum of 4 tickets per person)

**Free tickets available beginning July 10, 2018, at 10 a.m.

**Call 1.866.955.6040. Se Habla español: 707.546.7007.

FREE MOVIES ON THE GREEN

The Lion King (1994) and Jumanji (2017)

WEILL LAWN

Sunday, August 5 at 3 p.m.

Enjoy FREE Movies at the Green this Summer! Pack a picnic and lay out on the beautifully landscaped Weill Lawn, as we screen movies on our outdoor jumbotron. Concessions will be available for each show.

Presented in part by Sonoma State University Student Involvement.

Outdoor Lawn Tickets: FREE – No ticket needed for entry

HUNTER HAYES

Mastercard Performance Series

WEILL HALL + LAWN

Friday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

For Country Music phenom **HUNTER HAYES**, complacency is the enemy. After delivering up a string of hits including *Wanted, I Want Crazy*, and 2014’s *Invisible*, Hayes continues to push forward by leading Country Music’s Youth Revolution, producing some of the boldest, hook-heavy material of his career.

Indoor Tickets: \$35-\$50 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$40 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$25

AN EVENING CHRIS BOTTI

WEILL HALL + LAWN
Sunday, August 12 at 7 p.m.
Gates Open at 5:00 p.m.

Since becoming the largest-selling American instrumental artist after his critically acclaimed album *When I Fall in Love*, trumpeter **CHRIS BOTTI**'s expressive sound and soaring musical imagination has led to four #1 jazz albums as well as multiple Gold, Platinum, and Grammy® Awards. His unparalleled artistry begins in jazz and expands beyond the limits of any single genre.

Indoor Tickets: \$45-\$85 | **Outdoor Table Tickets:** \$40 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$25

BOYZ II MEN

Mastercard Performance Series
WEILL HALL + LAWN
Thursday, August 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

One of the most iconic R&B groups in music history, **BOYZ II MEN** holds the distinction of being the best-selling R&B group of all time with an astounding 60 million albums sold. With hits including *End of the Road*, *I'll Make Love to You*, and many others, the group redefined mainstream R&B and continues to create timeless hits that appeal to fans across all generations.

SPECIAL EVENT: A Perfect Pairing – Breathless Sparkling Wines

A private pre-concert sparkling wine exploration featuring Breathless Sparkling Wines – only \$20 in addition to your concert ticket. The tasting begins at 6 p.m. on the Prelude Wedding Lawn and runs until show time.

Indoor Tickets: \$45-\$85 | **Outdoor Table Tickets:** \$40 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$25

PUNCH BROTHERS

Opening Act: Madison Cunningham
WEILL HALL + LAWN
Thursday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Gates open at 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.

SPECIAL EVENT: Punch Brothers – Ballast Point Beer Garden

Join us before the show as we remix the Prelude Wedding Lawn into an exclusive Ballast Point Beer Garden – only \$15 in addition to your concert ticket. Tasting kicks off at 6 p.m. on the Prelude Wedding Lawn and runs until show time.

Indoor Tickets: \$45-\$75 | **Outdoor Table Tickets:** \$40 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$25

FREE MOVIES ON THE GREEN

***Black Panther* (2018)**

WEILL LAWN
Friday, September 7 at 7 p.m.

Enjoy FREE Movies at the Green this Summer! Pack a picnic and lay out on the beautifully landscaped Weill Lawn, as we screen movies on our outdoor jumbotron. Concessions will be available for each show.

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Outdoor Lawn Tickets: FREE – No ticket needed for entry

AN EVENING WITH LYLE LOVETT & HIS LARGE BAND

WEILL HALL + LAWN

Saturday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

A singer, composer, and actor, **LYLE LOVETT** has broadened the definition of American music in a career that spans 14 albums. Coupled with his gift for storytelling, the Texas-based musician fuses elements of country, swing, jazz, folk, gospel, and blues in a convention-defying manner that breaks down barriers.

SPECIAL EVENT: A Perfect Pairing – Martin Ray Vineyards & Winery

Join us for a private pre-concert wine tasting experience with Martin Ray Vineyards and Winery. This exclusive event is only \$20 in addition to your concert ticket and begins at 6 p.m. on the Prelude Wedding Lawn.

Indoor Tickets: \$55-\$85 | **Outdoor Table Tickets:** \$40 | **Outdoor Lawn Tickets:** \$25

HOW DO YOU SUMMER AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER?

CONCERTS AT WEILL HALL + LAWN – A SEATING STYLE FOR EVERYONE

Inside the Hall

Take your pick from nearly 1,400 seats dispersed across three floors, including two balcony levels.

Terraced Table Seating

Hundreds of tables tiered across the lawn offer stunning views of the surrounding Sonoma Mountains – and a stage view of the concert hall. Enjoy the music along with food, fresh air, and friends.

Weill Lawn

The gently sloping lawn affords ample space to spread out on your blanket or unfold your chair while you sit back and relax to the rhythms. Views of the stage are amplified by a large video screen, giving everyone the “front row” experience – and tickets are half-price for children 12 and under, all summer long.

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 respectfully 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.

SUMMER DINING

PRELUDE – Restaurant, Bar & Patio

Chic elegance, gourmet cuisine, and a full bar – steps away from Weill Hall. Open before the performance, at intermission, and after most shows, enjoy the indoor ambiance of Prelude Restaurant and Bar or opt for open-air seating on the lush Prelude Patio. Make your reservations early to guarantee a table! Bar and Patio seating is first come, first served.

PRE-ORDER BOXED MEALS + SMALL PLATTERS

Save yourself the trouble of packing a picnic and pre-order an elegant boxed meal or small platter from San Francisco’s iconic bakery, Boudin. Always delicious and no hassle for you!

CONCESSIONS

A wide variety of on-site concessions fill in all the culinary gaps. From cheese platters to salads, sandwiches, and snacks, the options are abundant.

PACK A PICNIC

Pack a picnic meal and enjoy homemade, open-air dining at outdoor tables or on Weill Lawn.

WINE & BEER

Sonoma County is synonymous with wine country and craft beer. Complement your meal with a robust selection of some of the best wine and beer our region has to offer.

***NEW FOR SUMMER 2018! TUMBLERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT
OUR CONCESSION STANDS AND MAY BE BROUGHT INTO WEILL HALL.
NO OUTSIDE LIQUIDS PERMITTED IN THE VENUE OR ON THE LAWN.
FREE WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON-SITE.***

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

DIRECTIONS

Located in the heart of Sonoma County's Wine Country, the Green Music Center (GMC) is the performing arts presenting and producing organization based at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park. The GMC entrance is at the intersection of Rohnert Park Expressway and Petaluma Hill Road.

From Highway 101, take the Rohnert Park Expressway exit. Drive east 2.2 miles to the Sonoma State University entrance on your right.

PARKING

As you enter campus from Rohnert Park Expressway, there are multiple parking lots immediately to your right. Parking is free with your ticket to all concerts at the GMC. Lots L, M, N, and O are directly across from the GMC entrance. Arrive early for the best parking. Overflow parking is available on the SSU campus for patrons who arrive late.

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 an excellent 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 is the performing arts presenter at Sonoma State University. The mission of the Green Music Center is to present the most compelling artists of our time, to investigate ideas, and to provide access to diverse artistic experiences that educate, connect, and inspire Sonoma State University and neighboring North Bay communities. Surrounded by the foothills of Sonoma County, the Green Music Center includes the 1,400-seat Weill Hall, with a rear wall that opens to lawn seating for a unique summertime experience, and the intimate 240-seat Schroeder Hall. As a focal point for the arts and education in the region, the Green Music Center presents artists year-round, serving as home to the Santa Rosa Symphony, Sonoma Bach, and the Sonoma State University Music Department.

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 schools 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.

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