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GREEN MUSIC CENTER ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2017 LINEUP

Fifth Season of Summer Programming at the GMC
Including Performances by

JAKE OWEN, GLORIA ESTEFAN, DIANA KRALL, COMMON,
PINK MARTINI, KENNY G, GEORGE BENSON, TROMBONE SHORTY,
ST. PAUL & THE BROKEN BONES, LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE,
CHICK COREA ELECTRIK BAND and BÉLA FLECK & THE FLECKTONES

PLUS

3rd ANNUAL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL and GMC CRAFT BEER FEST
4th OF JULY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR with KATHY MATTEA and
the SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY

2nd ANNUAL BLUES AT THE GREEN Featuring
DR. JOHN & THE NITE TRIPPERS and ELVIN BISHOP

AND

A FREE CONCERT FOR THE COMMUNITY FEATURING
MARIACHI SOL DE MEXICO DE JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ and
the SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY



(Sonoma County, CA) — The **Green Music Center at Sonoma State University** announced today the lineup for its 5th season of summer programming. The season comprises 15 performances, spanning the genres from country and pop to Latin, folk, rock and bluegrass music.

Performers include Béla Fleck and the Flecktones, George Benson, Chick Corea Elektrik Band, Common, Del + Dawg Bluegrass Band, Elvin Bishop, Juan Escovedo, Pete Escovedo, Sheila E., Festival Napa Valley Music Academy Orchestra, China Forbes, Gloria Estefan, Kenny G, Sierra Hull, Dr. John, The John Santos Sextet, Diana Krall, Los Tigres del Norte, Kathy Mattea, Mariachi Sol de Mexico de José Hernández, The Martial Artists and Acrobats of Tianjin of the People's Republic Of China, Peter Michael, Mark O'Connor, The Nite Trippers, Jake Owen, Pink Martini, Santa Rosa Symphony, St. Paul and the Broken Bones, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Ave, and Destani Wolf.

Sonoma State University President Dr. Judy K. Sakaki states, "The diversity of artists scheduled will attract a broad cross-section of people to campus this summer who love good music and a concert setting that's second to none. I've already blocked out my calendar to catch as many shows as possible. I am particularly excited to see Diana Krall on August 4th, which also happens to be our annual Green Music Center Gala."

Popular Booking Consultant Peter Williams reflects, "This summer should be the best yet – a little bit of everything, with several of our most popular acts returning: Pink Martini and Los Tigres Del Norte. We also present our 3rd Annual Bluegrass Festival with Del and Dawg's Bluegrass Band, Mark O'Connor and the O'Connor Family Band, and Sierra Hull."

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. For summer performances, lawn tickets for children ages 2-12 are half price and children under 2 are free.

Tickets to Summer 2017 at the Green Music Center go on sale to Mastercard cardholders and 2016–17 GMC Season subscribers on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 10 a.m. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. Call 1.866.955.6040 or visit gmc.sonoma.edu.

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The *Breezin' & Breathless Tour* is sponsored, in part, by Wilson Artisan Wineries
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GREEN MUSIC CENTER at SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY **SUMMER 2017 at WEILL HALL + LAWN**

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4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR with KATHY MATTEA and the SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY **MICHAEL BERKOWITZ, CONDUCTOR**

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

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

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

Fireworks light up the sky for one of Sonoma County's foremost Fourth of July celebrations! GMC Summer 2017 programming starts off with a bang as Grammy Winner **KATHY MATTEA** takes the stage along with the **SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY**, led by conductor **MICHAEL BERKOWITZ**. 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 & Under are free on the lawn

THE GMC'S 3RD ANNUAL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL featuring DEL + DAWG BLUEGRASS BAND, MARK O'CONNOR AND THE O'CONNOR FAMILY BAND, and SIERRA HULL

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Sunday, July 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Gates open at 12:00 p.m.

Craft Beer Fest from 1-3:30 p.m.

A star-studded event featuring a who's-who in bluegrass music, the **GMC's 3rd ANNUAL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL** has become an annual favorite in Sonoma County. These multifaceted titans of the genre will move and shake you with their fiery performances, each bringing a distinct style and blend to the bluegrass sound. With the purchase of an additional ticket, patrons can attend the **GMC's 2nd ANNUAL CRAFT BEER FEST**, featuring over twenty local breweries, a commemorative glass, early VIP tasting lounge, food pairings, games and more. Pricing and tickets for the Craft Beer Fest available soon!

GMC's 3rd Annual Bluegrass Fest

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

**Concert tickets only. Pricing and tickets for the Craft Beer Fest available soon.*

GLORIA ESTEFAN – THE STANDARDS & MORE WITH FESTIVAL NAPA VALLEY MUSIC ACADEMY ORCHESTRA

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Saturday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Co-presented with Festival Napa Valley

International superstar **GLORIA ESTEFAN** sings the Great American Songbook her stylish way, performing numbers from her 2013 CD *The Standards*, accompanied by conductor Shelly Berg and the **FESTIVAL NAPA VALLEY MUSIC ACADEMY ORCHESTRA**. In addition to classics like Gershwin's "Embraceable You" and "They Can't Take That Away from Me," and a version of Charlie Chaplin's "Smile" with Spanish lyrics, she'll serve up Latin American love songs and hits of her own like "Conga" and "Rhythm Is Gonna Get You."

Indoor Tickets: \$75 – \$150 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$60 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$40 (kids \$20)

FREE MOVIES ON THE GREEN

Feat. **DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID (1989)** and **MOANA (2016)**

WEILL LAWN

Saturday, July 22 at 5 p.m.

Come join us on Weill Lawn as we spend an evening with two of Disney's best loved aquatic heroines, Ariel and Moana.

Outdoor Lawn Tickets: FREE – No ticket needed for entry

A FREE CONCERT FOR THE COMMUNITY

Presented by the Green Music Center and Santa Rosa Symphony

Feat. **MARIACHI SOL DE MEXICO DE JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ** and the **SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY**

Michael Berkowitz, conductor

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Sunday, July 30 at 7 p.m.

Gates open at 5 p.m.

Come enjoy FREE live music and warm sunshine at our annual Community Concert! A joint collaboration between the GMC 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 platinum selling **MARIACHI SOL DE MEXICO DE JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ**, whose original rhythms, fresh sounds and inspiring ideas continue to energize the world of mariachi.

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

**Free tickets available beginning July 5, 2017 at 10 a.m.

**Call 1.866.955.6040. Se habla español: 707.546.7007.

DIANA KRALL – WORLD TOUR 2017–2018

5th SUMMER AT THE GREEN GALA CELEBRATION

Mastercard Performance Series

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Friday, August 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Multiple Grammy® Award-winning jazz pianist and world-renowned singer, **DIANA KRALL**, brings her sultry voice and piano prowess to the GMC Summer Lineup. Krall's unique artistry transcends any single musical style and has made her one of the most recognizable artists of our time.

Indoor Tickets: \$69 – \$104 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$44 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$29 (kids \$14.50)

5th SUMMER AT THE GREEN GALA CELEBRATION

Join us for a special midsummer evening of jazz under the stars as we celebrate our 5th Summer of programming at the Green Music Center.

**To inquire about the gala, please call 707.664.3355.

JAKE OWEN

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

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

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

American country star **JAKE OWEN** has won over the hearts of fans with his honest lyrics, classic country beats, and charming smile. His fifth studio album *American Love*, released July 2016, debuted at number 4 on *Billboard* and number one on the Top Country Albums chart.

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

BLUES AT THE GREEN FEATURING DR. JOHN & THE NITE TRIPPERS

Opening Act: ELVIN BISHOP

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Sunday, August 13 at 2 p.m.

Gates open at 12 p.m.

New Orleans legend **DR. JOHN** headlines the **2ND ANNUAL BLUES AT THE GREEN**. Born as Malcolm John “Mac” Rebennack, the good doctor has been wowing fans for over half a century, and at 74 years old, he shows no signs of slowing down. Full of the spirit of the bayou, the growly toned, six-time Grammy winning singer-pianist is currently touring with his newest band, the **NITE TRIPPERS**. Starting off the evening is blues and rock guitarist/singer, and rock ‘n’ roll hall of famer, **ELVIN BISHOP**.

Indoor Tickets: \$35 – 75 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$40 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$25 (kids \$12.50)

CHICK COREA ELECTRIK BAND | BÉLA FLECK AND THE FLECKTONES

Mastercard Performance Series

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Friday, August 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

22-time Grammy winner, and keyboard virtuoso, **CHICK COREA** has attained living legend status after five decades of unparalleled creativity and an artistic output that is simply staggering. He is joined on tour by Groundbreaking banjoist/composer/bandleader **BÉLA FLECK**, who has reconvened the original 'Béla Fleck & The Flecktones', the extraordinary initial line-up of his incredible combo.

Indoor Tickets: \$55 – \$85 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$40 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$25 (kids \$12.50)

ST. PAUL AND THE BROKEN BONES | TROMBONE SHORTY & ORLEANS AVE.

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Thursday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Six-pieced Alabama-based soul band **ST. PAUL AND THE BROKEN BONES** brings their unique blend of passionate vocals and spirited orchestrations to the summer mix. Joining them for the evening's "double-feature", New Orleans native Trombone Shorty is the bandleader and front man of **TROMBONE SHORTY & ORLEANS AVE.**, a hard-edged funk band that employs hip-hop beats, rock dynamics and improvisation in a jazz tradition.

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

PINK MARTINI FEATURING CHINA FORBES

Mastercard Performance Series

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Friday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Drawing inspiration from music from all over the world – crossing genres of classical, jazz and old fashioned pop – **PINK MARTINI** is an electrifying evening of international sound. Featuring a dozen musicians, Pink Martini performs its multilingual repertoire on concert stages and with symphony orchestras throughout the world. Their return performance at the Green Music Center features stellar vocalist China Forbes.

Indoor Tickets: \$45 – \$95 | Outdoor Table Tickets: \$40 | Outdoor Lawn Tickets: \$25 (kids \$12.50)

FREE MOVIES ON THE GREEN

Feat. Disney's *Beauty & the Beast* – Animated (1991) and *Beauty & the Beast* – Live Action (2017)

WEILL LAWN

Saturday, August 26 at 5 p.m.

Bring a blanket and join us on Weill Lawn as we screen a double-feature of Disney's two versions of the classic tale, *Beauty and the Beast*.

Outdoor Lawn Tickets: FREE – No ticket needed for entry

GEORGE BENSON & KENNY G – THE BREEZIN' AND BREATHLESS TOUR

Mastercard Performance Series

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Friday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m.
Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

One of the most iconic and best-selling instrumental musicians of all time, saxophonist **KENNY G** is known the world over for his signature smooth jazz sound. His sixth studio album, *Breathless*, was released in 1992, and went on to become the best-selling instrumental album ever, with over 15 million copies sold worldwide. He is joined on tour by ground-breaking jazz guitarist and singer songwriter **GEORGE BENSON**, whose 1976 album *Breezin'* was certified triple-platinum, hitting no. 1 on the *Billboard* album chart in 1976.

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

A TRIBUTE TO PETE ESCOVEDO: PETE ESCOVEDO LATIN JAZZ ORCHESTRA WITH SPECIAL GUESTS SHEILA E, JUAN AND PETER MICHAEL

Opening Act: THE JOHN SANTOS SEXTET WITH SPECIAL GUEST DESTANI WOLF

WEILL HALL at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Saturday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Indoor Only

Legendary Percussionist **PETE ESCOVEDO** is a name that has been synonymous in the music industry for more than 50 years. The apples don't fall far from the tree: His daughter, Emmy Nominee **SHEILA E.**, picked up the drumsticks and started making music at the precocious age of three; first born son **JUAN ESCOVEDO** brings his flavor of R&B to the table; and on bongos, drums and vocals is youngest son **PETER MICHAEL**. Together, they form an unstoppable ensemble, breaking new grounds and crossing the barriers between Smooth Jazz, Salsa, Latin Jazz and contemporary music.

Indoor Tickets: \$25 – \$65

COMMON

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Saturday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

It's difficult to choose just one descriptor for award-winning American hip-hop recording artist, actor, film producer and poet, **COMMON**. Whether inspiring audiences through music, movies, television, books or his foundation – The Common Ground Foundation – Common continues to break new ground, and remains one of hip-hop's most innovative, positive voices.

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

LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE

WEILL HALL + LAWN at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Saturday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Gates open at 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. They return for the second year in a row to the Green Music Center – come be part of the movement as the frequently proclaimed “voice of the people”

continues to blaze new trails in Latin music.

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

THE MARTIAL ARTISTS AND ACROBATS OF TIANJIN, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mastercard Performance Series

WEILL HALL at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Sunday, September 24 at 3:00 p.m.

Indoor Only

THE MARTIAL ARTISTS AND ACROBATS OF TIANJIN OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA was established in 1957 and is one of the best acrobatic troupes in China, with over one hundred acrobatic, magical and martial arts performers. With innovative high-flying stunts, and superior techniques, the acrobatic troupe is favored by the audiences all over the world.

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.

WEILL LAWN SUMMER DINING

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.

- Pre-Ordered Meals: Instead of packing a picnic, pre-ordered boxed meals and small platters are available for purchase online.
- 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

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

Nestled in the picturesque foothills of Northern California's esteemed wine country, the Green Music Center (GMC) is a focal point for arts in the region, with its spectacular 1400-seat Weill Hall, an acoustically exceptional venue with a modular rear wall that opens to terraced lawn seating, providing picturesque views of the surrounding countryside, and the 240-seat Schroeder Hall, a cathedral-like recital hall designed specifically to accentuate instruments, organ and voice in a small, intimate setting. A program of Sonoma State University, the GMC presents year-round programming of top classical, contemporary, jazz and world music artists through the Mastercard Performance Series and is home to 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.

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