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JULY 2019 AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Events Include:

Free Movies at the Green – *Spider-man into the Spider-verse & Captain Marvel*

4th of July Fireworks Spectacular

Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue

Roberto Tapia en Concierto

Free Movies at the Green – *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*

***Live From Here* with Chris Thile**

Bluegrass Day feat. The Dawg Trio, Steep Canyon Rangers, & Alela Diane

The Four Seasons of Sonoma County – Our Free Community Concert

(Sonoma County, CA) — Summer at the Green 2019 is almost underway at Sonoma State University's Green Music Center. Programming begins in earnest at Weill Hall + Lawn this July, when the **4th of July Fireworks Spectacular** returns for another unforgettable showcase of Broadway tunes and patriotic classics performed by the Santa Rosa Symphony and Transcendence Theatre Company, followed by the biggest fireworks display in Sonoma County! Other upcoming highlights include **Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue**, with opener **Jon Cleary and the Absolute Monster Gentlemen** (July 11); leading Norteño and 'banda' music interpreter **Roberto Tapia** (July 13); and a live recording of the popular variety show ***Live From Here with Chris Thile***, featuring an array of guests including **The Tallest Man on Earth**, Guatemalan singer-songwriter **Gaby Moreno**, comedian **Tom Papa** and more (July 20)!

Bluegrass Day returns in July with another star-studded lineup featuring **The Dawg Trio with David Grisman, Sam Grisman, & Danny Barnes; Steep Canyon Rangers**; and acclaimed singer-songwriter **Alela Diane**. Coinciding with Bluegrass Day is the **4th Annual Craft Beer Fest!** Featuring unlimited tastings of stellar brews, this year's Craft Beer Fest showcases 20+ breweries and cider makers, including Lagunitas, Russian River Brewing, Plow Brewing, Cooperage, and Moonlight. Plus, free food from Sally Tomatoes, Mountain Mike's, Yanni's Sausages, and Bohemian Creamery! Admission is \$30 in addition to your Bluegrass ticket (July 21).

Rounding out the month of July is ***The Four Seasons of Sonoma County– Our Free Concert for the Community***. Presented by the **Green Music Center** and **Santa Rosa Symphony** this free event celebrates the exquisite beauty of Sonoma County through the eyes of its residents, displayed on screens with Vivaldi's iconic ode to nature, *The Four Seasons*, as performed by the Santa Rosa Symphony (July 28). This co-produced program is free to the public, but a ticket is required. Tickets available Tuesday, July 9 at 10 a.m.

Tickets to most Summer at the Green 2019 are on sale now starting at \$25. Call 1.707.664.4246 or visit gmc.sonoma.edu.

SUMMER AT THE GREEN 2019

FREE MOVIES AT THE GREEN

SPIDER-MAN: INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE (2018) & CAPTAIN MARVEL

Saturday, June 29 at 5 & 7 P.M.

Pack a picnic and join us on Weill Lawn for a double feature of *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* and *Captain Marvel*.

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse is the first animated feature film of the franchise and follows Teen Miles Morales as he transforms into the Spider-Man of his reality and attempts to stop a threat for all realities.

Captain Marvel, one of the top-grossing films of 2019, is a must-see. Follow Marvel comics character Carol Danvers as she becomes the universe's most powerful hero and fights to save Earth from two alien races.

Parking is \$5. There will be attendants taking cash and credit cards in the lots starting at 3 p.m. To purchase a parking pass in advance, visit: <https://pmb.csustan.edu/dailypermits/#/>

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY

MICHAEL BERKOWITZ, CONDUCTOR

& TRANSCENDENCE THEATRE COMPANY

Thursday, July 4 at 7:30 P.M.

Gates & kids zone open at 4:30 P.M.

The Biggest Fireworks Display in Sonoma County returns with a bang! Sonoma County's own **Transcendence Theatre Company** joins the **Santa Rosa Symphony** in an evening of dynamite show tunes, patriotic classics, and more! Bring the whole family – lawn tickets for kids 12 and under are half price!

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

TROMBONE SHORTY & ORLEANS AVENUE

WITH SPECIAL GUEST JON CLEARY & THE ABSOLUTE MONSTER GENTLEMEN

Thursday, July 11 at 7:30 P.M.

Rare indeed is the artist with the virtuosity to draw the unqualified respect of some of the most iconic legends in jazz while also capable of mesmerizing international rock stars. From brass band blare and deep-groove funk, to bluesy beauty and hip-hop/pop swagger Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews delivers plenty of emotion all anchored, of course, by stellar playing and the idea that, even in the toughest of times, as Andrews says, “Music brings unity.”

Providing support is the legendary **Jon Cleary**, a skillful tunesmith equally renowned around the globe as an accomplished keyboardist and guitarist, and a deeply soulful vocalist. Cleary’s thirty-five years of intensive hands-on work on the Crescent City scene has made him a respected peer of such New Orleans R&B icons as Dr. John and Allen Toussaint.

ROBERTO TAPIA EN CONCIERTO

Saturday, July 13 at 7:30 P.M.

Roberto Tapia is one of the leading Norteño and ‘banda’ music interpreters, with a very special style, making him one of the most sought out artists of his generation. His highly acclaimed album *El Muchacho* hit #1 on Billboard’s Latin Albums chart. Following the release of his hit album, Tapia became a coach on *La Voz Kids* – the Spanish version of *The Voice Kids* on Telemundo.

FREE MOVIES AT THE GREEN

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: THE HIDDEN WORLD

Sunday, July 14 at 5 P.M.

Pack a picnic and join us on Weill Lawn for *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*. Set a year after the events of the previous film, the third movie of the trilogy takes watchers on an adventure to find the secret Dragon Utopia.

Parking is \$5. There will be attendants taking cash and credit cards in the lots starting at 3 p.m. To purchase a parking pass in advance, visit: <https://pmb.csustan.edu/dailypermits/#/>

LIVE FROM HERE WITH CHRIS THILE

Saturday, July 20 at 7:30 P.M.

Live from Here with Chris Thile is a Saturday-night destination for audiences everywhere. This variety show features a unique blend of musical performances, comedy, and audience interaction. Acclaimed musician and songwriter Chris Thile welcomes a wide range of well-

known and up-and-coming talent to share the stage and create a beautiful listening experience. You'll hear (and see!) music from Chris, the show band, and **The Tallest Man on Earth; Gaby Moreno**; plus *Invisibilia*'s **Lulu Miller**; comedian correspondent **Tom Papa**; and much more.

Live from Here is produced and distributed nationwide by American Public Media, and is heard locally on KQED in addition to nearly 600 other public radio stations.

BLUEGRASS DAY
THE DAWG TRIO WITH DAVID GRISMAN, SAM GRISMAN, & DANNY BARNES
STEEP CANYON RANGERS
ALENA DIANE

Sunday, July 21 at 2 P.M.
Craft Beer Fest at 12 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Fast becoming a Sonoma County Summer tradition, the Green Music Center's Bluegrass Festival features some of the genre's most exciting artists. This year we welcome back acoustic pioneer and innovator **David Grisman** along with fellow members of **The Dawg Trio, Sam Grisman, and Danny Barnes**. Their signature mix of bluegrass, gypsy jazz, Latin rhythms, and klezmer music originated into a holistic approach they call "dawg music." Also joining the lineup is the GRAMMY® Award-winning **Steep Canyon Rangers** and the critically acclaimed singer-songwriter **Alela Diane!**

Having spent nearly two decades bending and shaping the bluegrass aesthetic, wedding it to elements of pop, country, and folk rock, the Steep Canyon Rangers remarkably unique catalog of original music links them to the past while also demonstrating their ambitious intent to bring string-based music into contemporary relevance.

Alela Diane is celebrated for her ability to capture the nuances of an experience. Her most recent album *Cusp* embraces the complexity of today and explores hope for what's to come. "There is not a big place in the music industry for 30-something women with kids making music." She laughs as she pauses, then adds, "Maybe we can create that space."

Pair the Bluegrass Festival with our **4th Annual Craft Beer Fest!** Featuring unlimited tastings of stellar brews, this year's Craft Beer Fest showcases 20+ breweries and cider makers, including presenting partner Lagunitas, Russian River Brewing, Plow Brewing, Cooperage, Barrel Brothers and Moonlight. Plus, free food from Sally Tomatoes, Mountain Mike's, Yanni's Sausages, and Bohemian Creamery! The Craft Beer Fest will kick off at 12 P.M. and go until 3:30 P.M. Only \$30 in addition to your Bluegrass ticket.

Live music will be provided at the Craft Beer Fest by Fog Holler!

THE FOUR SEASONS OF SONOMA COUNTY

**OUR FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT
PRESENTED BY THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER AND SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY
FRANCESCO LECCE-CHONG, CONDUCTOR**

Sunday, July 28 at 7 P.M.

Celebrate the exquisite beauty of Sonoma County through the eyes of its residents, displayed on screens with Vivaldi's iconic ode to nature, *The Four Seasons*. Photography of Sonoma County landscapes, depicting the corresponding seasons, will enhance Vivaldi's four violin concertos, performed by the Santa Rosa Symphony. This co-produced program, conducted by SRS Music Director and Conductor Francesco Lecce-Chong, is free to the public, but a ticket is required. **Tickets available Tuesday, July 9 at 10 a.m.**

CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE

A SEATING STYLE FOR EVERYONE

- **WEILL HALL**

Sit inside for the most intimate concert-going experience.

- **TERRACED TABLE SEATING**

Sit outside at a table and enjoy a view of the surrounding Sonoma Mountains. Table seating is ideal for enjoying the music while dining with friends.

- **LAWN**

Soak in the sounds of summer on the beautifully landscaped Weill Lawn. With views of the stage amplified by a large video screen, the lawn offers the feel of a summer festival. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair.

SUMMER DINING

- **PRELUDE RESTAURANT, BAR, & PATIO**

A gourmet restaurant with a full bar is conveniently located on-site. Reserve a table inside or opt for open seating on the patio or at the bar.

- **PICNIC**

Pack your own picnic or PRE-ORDER an elegant boxed meal from San Francisco's iconic bakery, Boudin.

- **CONCESSIONS**

A wide variety of concessions including meals, snacks, beer, wine, and other refreshments are available before and during performances.

NO OUTSIDE LIQUIDS PERMITTED IN THE VENUE OR ON THE LAWN.

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.

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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