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## GREEN MUSIC CENTER ANNOUNCES SUMMER AT THE GREEN 2021

Performances Include

**Bluegrass Day feat. The Del McCoury Band, Watkins Family Hour, and Fog Holler**  
**Neon Trees · Jurassic Park – In Concert feat. Santa Rosa Symphony**  
**Tower of Power · The Beach Boys · Boz Scaggs**  
**Movies at the Green · pianoSonoma**

(Sonoma County, CA) — The Green Music Center at Sonoma State University announced today the return of Summer at the Green for 2021, its eighth season of summer programming, and first since Summer 2019. This summer season features a star-studded lineup including **Tower of Power**, **Boz Scaggs**, **The Beach Boys**, and **Neon Trees** as well as the return of the popular **Bluegrass Day**, which features **The Del McCoury Band**, **Watkins Family Hour** (led by Sean and Sara Watkins of Nickel Creek fame), and local favorites **Fog Holler**.

This summer will also include a collaboration with the Santa Rosa Symphony for **Jurassic Park – In Concert**. Concert-goers will see the original film on the silver screen in all of its glory, while the 80-musician orchestra provides the iconic musical backdrop live on the Weill Hall stage.

In addition to concerts in Weill Hall + Lawn, this summer includes five nights of **Movies at the Green** featuring a collection of classic movies as well as recent box office hits like *Toy Story 4*, *Onward*, *Coco*, and more shown on the big screen on Weill Lawn.

Green Music Center Executive Director Jacob Yarrow reflects, “We look forward to welcoming everyone back to the Green to celebrate the return of performances. Summer at the Green 2021 will be an unforgettable time of rediscovery as we welcome audiences to experience the joy of live music and movies. Our team will be implementing procedures that follow current public health guidance and performing arts industry standards to create events that are fun, healthy, and safe.”

### WHEN TO PURCHASE TICKETS

#### PIANOSONOMA, BLUEGRASS DAY, AND MOVIES AT THE GREEN

- Pre-sale for 2019-20 Subscribers and Donors: Thur, July 8 at 10 A.M.
- General on-sale: Thur, July 8 at 12 P.M.

### ALL OTHER EVENTS

- Pre-sale for 2019–20 Subscribers and Donors: Tue, July 27 at 10 A.M.
- General On-sale: Thur, July 29 at 10 A.M.

To purchase tickets to Summer at the Green 2021 visit [gmc.sonoma.edu](http://gmc.sonoma.edu) or call 1.707.664.4246.

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## HEALTH & SAFETY AT THE GREEN

Depending on conditions at the time of the performance, patrons may need to wear a mask or attest to being fully vaccinated to access indoor seating areas of the venue. The most up-to-date information will be found on our website at [gmc.sonoma.edu/covid19](http://gmc.sonoma.edu/covid19). These are some of our safety procedures:

- There is ample outside space for audiences at Summer at the Green.
  - Our indoor air handling systems are equipped with MERV-14 filters that exceed CDC standards. Seats inside Weill Hall benefit from the fact that the back wall will be open to the outdoors.
  - Facility staff will perform enhanced cleaning of all spaces prior to and during events.
  - Hand washing areas and sanitizer will be available.
  - The Green Music Center encourages you to get vaccinated!
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## SUMMER AT THE GREEN 2021

### BLUEGRASS DAY

**The Del McCoury Band**

**Watkins Family Hour**

**Fog Holler**

**Sun, August 1 at 2 P.M.**

**Weill Hall + Lawn**

*Supported in part by Oliver's Market*

Bluegrass Day is back for Summer at the Green 2021! You won't want to miss this incredible lineup featuring Bluegrass legend Del McCoury and his band, the Watkins Family Hour (led by Sean and Sara Watkins of Nickel Creek fame), and local favorites Fog Holler.

Even among the pantheon of music's finest artists this year's headlining artist Del McCoury stands alone. Now helming the Del McCoury Band, with sons Ronnie and Rob, the ensemble is a peerless torchbearer for the entire sweep and scope of bluegrass history.

The bluegrass collaborative Watkins Family Hour is led by Sean Watkins on guitar and Sara on fiddle, with both of them sharing vocals. They invite a variety of musician friends to join them as they tour the country, seamlessly weaving together sounds of bluegrass, folk, country, and rock into something new and exciting each night.

Fog Holler, with five-string banjo, mandolin, guitar, bass-fiddle, and soaring harmonies, is a Bay Area favorite. They traverse tradition, time, and tact, to deliver uniquely inspired original music blended into a musical tapestry of bluegrass, old time, and country.

TICKETS \$30–\$50

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**NEON TREES**

**Thur, August 19 at 7:30 P.M.**

**Weill Hall + Lawn**

*Supported in part by Oliver's Market and Redwood Credit Union*

*Presented in part by Associated Students Productions*

A confluence of personal and shared experiences awakened Neon Trees in 2019. Following four years out of the spotlight, the multi-platinum, genre-busting alternative quartet—Tyler Glenn (lead vocals, piano, keys) Chris Allen (lead guitar), Elaine Bradley (drums), and Branden Campbell (bass)—reignited the spark. The musicians summoned the same rock spirit, pop universality, and disco ball-drenched grooves that millions of fans fell in love with, while infusing a lot of wisdom and a little more wit earned along the way.

TICKETS \$30–\$75

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**JURASSIC PARK IN CONCERT**

**SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY**

**FRANCESCO LECCE-CHONG, CONDUCTOR**

**Sat, August 21 at 7:30 P.M.**

**Weill Hall + Lawn**

*Supported in part by Willow Creek Wealth Management*

This epic film is sheer movie magic 65 million years in the making. Welcome... to Jurassic Park! Enjoy Steven Spielberg's cinematic masterpiece with the epic score of John Williams performed live by the Santa Rosa Symphony! You'll see the original film on the silver screen in all of its glory, while the 80-musician orchestra provides the iconic musical backdrop live on the Weill Hall stage.

TICKETS \$30–\$85

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**TOWER OF POWER**

**Sat, September 4 at 7:30 P.M.**

**Weill Hall + Lawn**

Supported in part by Freeman Vineyards and Winery

The renowned horn-driven soul/R&B/rock/pop/funk outfit Tower of Power (or TOP to its global legion of fans), has been rocking their sound since 1968 – infusing Soul (with a capital S) into the music industry for 52 years. Fast forward, after

celebrating their 50th Anniversary, Tower of Power delivers a new genre-blending explosion of sound with their latest album – *Step Up*.

Tickets: \$30–\$85

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### **THE BEACH BOYS**

**Fri, September 17 at 7:30 P.M.**

(Rescheduled from July 2020)

**Weill Hall + Lawn**

*Supported in part by Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards, Redwood Credit Union, and Corona*

As The Beach Boys mark more than a half-century of making music, the group continues to ride the crest of a wave unequalled in America's musical history. The Beach Boys have become synonymous with the California lifestyle and have become an icon to fans around the world. Dozens of the band's chart-toppers have become eternal anthems of American youth including *Surfin' USA*, *California Girls*, *Good Vibrations*, and *Wouldn't It Be Nice*.

The Beach Boys are led by Mike Love, who, along with longtime member Bruce Johnston, musical director Scott Totten, Brian Eichenberger, Christian Love, Tim Bonhomme, John Cowsill, Keith Hubacher, and Randy Leago continue the legacy of the iconic band.

TICKETS \$30–\$110

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### **BOZ SCAGGS**

**OUT OF THE BLUES TOUR 2021**

**Sat, September 18 at 7:30 P.M.**

**Weill Hall + Lawn**

*Supported in part by Willow Creek Wealth Management, Sonoma Cutrer, and The Press Democrat*

Boz Scaggs has continually refined his musical approach throughout a five-decade musical career defined by a personalized mix of rock, blues, and R&B, along with a signature style of ballads. His commercial breakthrough came in 1976 with the seminal album *Silk Degrees* reaching Number Two and remained on the album charts for 115 weeks while spawning three Top 40 hit singles: *It's Over*, *Lido Shuffle*, and the Grammy®-winning *Lowdown*.

TICKETS \$30–\$95

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### **MOVIES AT THE GREEN**

Supported in part by Sonoma State University Student Involvement

Weill Lawn tickets only: \$5 per person | 12 and under free

FAN FAVORITE

**COCO**

**Fri, July 16 at 7 P.M.**

20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**SHREK**

**MONSTERS INC**

**Sat, Aug 7 at 5 P.M. | 7 P.M.**

WELCOME BACK SSU STUDENTS

**HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERER'S STONE**

**Fri, Sept 10 at 7 P.M.**

SPORTS NIGHT

**REMEMBER THE TITANS**

**BRING IT ON**

**Sat, July 24 at 5 P.M. | 7 P.M.**

FAN FAVORITES

**ONWARD**

**TOY STORY 4**

**Sat, Aug 28 at 5 P.M. | 7 P.M.**

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## PIANOSONOMA

**VINO & VIBRATO**

**CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**July 20 & 22**

**July 27 & 29**

**Schroeder Hall**

All events at 6 P.M. | Tickets \$20 per show

Celebrate our cathartic return to live performance! We are thrilled to present pianoSonoma's annual series. This year's series features music from Bach to Milhaud and the world premiere of *Trinity Pass* by Thomas Cabaniss. See below for specific concert programs. Each concert begins at 6pm. All concerts take place in Schroeder Hall at Sonoma State University's Green Music Center.

## PROGRAMS

### **Destinations | July 20**

Music by Mozart, Albéniz, Sibelius, Kuula, Chopin, and de Falla

Performed by Kara Dugan, Peter Dugan, and Christine Wu

### **Fantasies and Variations | July 22**

Music by Schumann, Beethoven, Ziyi Tao, Messiaen, and Knussen

Performed by Peter Dugan, Anita Graef, Doori Na, and Christine Wu

### **Roots | July 27**

Music by Handel/Halvorsen, Barber, Saint-Saëns, David Baker, Bloch, and Piazzolla

Performed by Mike Dahlberg, Kara Dugan, Peter Dugan, Anita Graef, Doori Na

### **Piano Extravaganza | July 29**

Music by Thomas Cabaniss (world premiere), Takemitsu, Saint-Saëns, Milhaud, and Bach

Performed by Peter Dugan, Anita Graef, Jessica Shinn, Michael Shinn, and Christine Wu

## CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE

- **WEILL HALL**

Sit inside for the most intimate concert-going experience. The back wall is open to the outside.

- **TERRACED TABLE SEATING**

Sit outside at a table for four and enjoy the views. Ideal for enjoying the music while dining with friends.

- **WEILL LAWN**

Soak in the sounds of summer on the 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.

## 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.

## FOOD AND DRINK

Concessions will be limited at first and we plan to increase the available options over the course of the Summer. You can bring your own food and non-alcoholic beverages and eat outside.

## ABOUT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Nestled in the foothills of Northern California's esteemed Wine Country, the Green Music Center (GMC) at Sonoma State University is a focal point for arts in the region. It is comprised of the spectacular 1,400-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. The Green Music Center presents year-round programming of top classical, contemporary, jazz, and world music artists and is home to the Santa Rosa Symphony.

## ABOUT SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Located in California's premier wine country one hour north of San Francisco, Sonoma State is a small campus with big ideas. With a tradition of promoting intellectual and personal growth, leadership opportunities and technological proficiency, SSU offers its students a friendly, safe and informal atmosphere on a beautiful campus setting. One of the most requested campuses in the CSU system, SSU is regularly named a "Best Regional University" by U.S. News & World Report.

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