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THE LEVITT PAVILION FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
2011 SUMMER FESTIVAL: June 26 – August 28

***The Pavilion's 38th Summer Season Features
Over 50 Nights of Free Entertainment Under the Stars***

FREE Opening Night: "The Cast of Beatlemania"!

SAVE THE DATES for our Summer Fundraisers:
***THURSDAY, JULY 28: THE SUMMER GALA - AN EVENING WITH
THE DOOBIE BROTHERS***
plus
SUNDAY, JULY 10: BIG BAD VOODOO DADDY

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The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts, a unique open-air summer festival located along the banks of the Saugatuck River in downtown Westport, will present its 38th summer season beginning Sunday, June 26th and running through Sunday, August 28th. Almost **60 nights of FREE entertainment** will light up Westport for nine non-stop weeks. The Pavilion presents a vibrant range of music, featuring established and award-winning artists as well as emerging ones, from local bands to national and international acts, plus a mix of other performing arts including dance and comedy. It all begins with free all-ages concert June on 26: **The Cast of Beatlemania!**

Summer '11 includes highly anticipated Pavilion debuts for South Africa rock phenoms **Civil Twilight** (Aug 27), NYC bust-out pop punk duo **Hank & Cupcakes** (July 16), Fairfield County's own roots rockers **The Alternate Routes** (July 9), folk legends **Buskin & Batteau** (July 23), international spinning sensation **DJ Rekha** (Aug 20), and vaunted swing banjoist **Cynthia Sayer and Her Sparks Fly Band** (July 3). Artists and acts returning by popular demand include Latin guitar world fusion group **Incendio** (July 24), Vegas veteran **Early Clover** (July 15), Andalusian treasures **The Val Ramos Flamenco Ensemble** (July 14), Gypsy Jazz legend **Frank Vignola** (Aug 14), and the lauded **Connecticut Ballet** (July 26). Outstanding children's shows include the return of world class illusionist **The Magic of Lyn** (July 6), as well as the Pavilion debut of string band **Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem** (July 27), and 4-time Grammy nominees **Trout Fishing in America** (July 20).

Throughout the season, look for the Pavilion's **RiverSwing Series**, special evenings on which a free pre-concert dance lesson, led by professional instructors, is offered in the style of the music that's about to be enjoyed

– yes, there’s a dance floor! Includes **Hector del Curto Tango** (Aug 4) and **Gas House Gorillas** (July 30).

In addition, each summer the Pavilion produces three to five ticketed events which help underwrite our close to sixty FREE performances. The Pavilion’s Stars on Tour Concert Series will welcome “America’s favorite little big band” **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy** to the stage on Sunday, July 10th. The Summer Gala will feature 3-time Grammy Award winners with **An Evening with The Doobie Brothers** on Thursday, July 28th. Tickets are on sale now online at levittpavilion.com and by phone at 866-973-9612 (press 3). And keep an eye out for more upcoming Stars-on-Tour fundraising events throughout the summer and this fall.

At the Pavilion, certain nights feature different genres to ensure a range of top-quality programs for different ages and tastes. **In general, nightly themes and START-TIMES are as follows (the online calendar should be checked to see if there are any surprises!):**

Sundays – Jazz & Big Band : 7PM

Mondays – Movie Nights: Select Mondays at Sundown

Tuesdays – Wild Cards: anything goes, including Dance, Comedy and More : 8PM

Wednesdays – Children’s & Family Series : 7PM

Thursdays – Classical, Cabaret, Broadway and Beyond : 8PM

Fridays – Party Bands and Pop : 8PM

Saturdays – Blues/Folk/Rock/ World : 8PM

Selected performances have rain locations.

The public is invited to bring picnics, blankets and folding chairs to enhance their Pavilion experience. The park opens for pre-show picnicking approximately 60 minutes before showtime. There is also an on-site concession with snacks and ice cream.

The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts welcomes over 50,000 patrons each summer. The Pavilion is dedicated to providing FREE ACCESS to the performing arts, presenting a dynamic constellation of established and emerging artists, and cultivating a space where people of all ages and backgrounds are ALL and always invited to enjoy the arts, enjoy nature, and enjoy each other!

Summer 2011 Lead Sponsor: Poland Spring

Presentations – updated as of June 15, 2011 – All programs are FREE. except where otherwise noted
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, June 26 @ 7PM

OPENING NIGHT! “THE CAST OF BEATLEMANIA”

Bringing the magic to you LIVE, “**The Cast of Beatlemania**” recreates the phenomenon of *The BEATLES* with a passion and precision so persuasive, you’ll be transported to an time when the world was engulfed in the most pleasant fever of all: **BEATLEMANIA!** The “**Cast**” evolve throughout the evening following the arc of *The BEATLES* careers. Theirs is the first, original and only complete representation of the musical force called *The BEATLES*. The “**Cast**” features members who starred in the Broadway production and who have performed in

all fifty states and over twenty countries.

Sponsor: Melissa & Doug®

Tuesday, June 28 @ 8pm

Westport Community Band

Under the direction of Sal LaRusso, director of bands for Weston High School, the *sixty* piece group performs a wide variety of music including concert band compositions, show tunes, marches, a little pop, and some classical. Founded in 1977, The WCB is composed of adult musicians from Fairfield and Westchester Counties, who represent a wide variety of professional backgrounds and diverse musical experiences. All share a passion for exploring challenging concert band literature while providing excellent entertainment as an ensemble.

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Wednesday, June 29 @ 7pm (Children's Series)

The Hall Family & Friends

A season tradition! The Children's Series kicks off with an extraordinary family returning for their 20th anniversary show at the Pavilion. Mary Ann and Bill Hall's success in combining poetry, movement, and beautiful sounds will bring joy to children and to the child in each of our hearts. The set list is infused with love and fun and boogying down by the river – and be sure to keep an eye out for special guest stars.

Sponsor: Stew Leonard III Children's Charities

Thursday, June 30 @ 8pm

102nd Army Band

As Goodwill Ambassadors for our state and nation, the 102nd Army Band of the Connecticut Army National Guard perform a variety of concerts, ceremonies, parades around the nation and overseas, for dignitaries including Queen Elizabeth, and is comprised of professional musicians from diverse backgrounds.

Host: V.F.W. Post 399

Friday, July 1

The Pavilion is DARK – we'll see you at Compo Beach for the P.A.L. Fireworks!

Saturday, July 2 @ 8pm

The Female Vocal Revue with the Backup Band & Host Sarah Brooks

The Female Vocal Revue is hosted by vocalist Sarah Brooks and features individual and group performances by professional female vocalists accompanied by The Back Up Band. The evening has a variety show vibe and a supper club format and showcases the role and importance of women in pop music. It's not an open mic – all performers are selected by invitation or audition. Host Sarah Brooks is an R & B and blues vocalist and Grammy nominee. FVR is produced by Roger Kaufman, a Westport bassist and co-writer of "Music To Barbecue By".

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Sunday, July 3 @ 7PM

Swing Banjoist Cynthia Sayer & Her Sparks Fly Band

“Cynthia Sayer is a rarity; a woman who plays banjo with drive and virtuosity.” – The New York Times

Regarded as one of the top 4-string banjoists in the world today, Cynthia Sayer is a banjo virtuoso with a unique and expansive approach, a heartfelt vocalist and a dynamic entertainer. A member of Woody Allen's jazz band for over 10 years, Cynthia's solo career has taken her well beyond her New Orleans roots. She has performed with leading artists such as Wynton Marsalis, Bucky Pizzarelli, Les Paul, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band; appeared at world class venues, including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center; performed for 2 U.S. Presidents; and was inducted into the American Banjo Hall Of Fame. Backed by her all-star band, Cynthia's swing-based, family-friendly shows include an unusual mix of hot jazz, tango, western, classical, and roots music.

Tuesday, July 5 @ 8pm

Treehouse Comedy Club I

“One of Connecticut's Best Nightspots.” – Connecticut Magazine on The Treehouse

“Best Comedy Showcase” – readers of Fairfield & New Haven County Weekly Readers Polls over a dozen times.

Sit down for stand-up as 3 comedians deliver a night of laughs. (Language: PG-13+)

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Wednesday, July 6 @ 7pm (Children's Series)

The Magic of Lyn

“Absolutely wonderful” – The Magic Castle, Hollywood / Merlin Award 2009 – Best Female Illusionist

It's no sleight of hand, Lyn Dillies is one of the premiere illusionists in the U.S. today. She is sure to cast a spell on you! Deemed America's Premiere Female Illusionist by the Society of American Magicians and regarded as a pioneer in her field, Lyn ignites each show with her stunning array of astounding illusions, laced with suspense and excitement. She has developed the perfect show – maintaining all the Vegas glitz while being family friendly. Absolutely spellbinding!

Sponsor: Westport Young Women's League

Thursday, July 7 @ 8pm

Liz McNicholl

Flame-haired Irish chanteuse Liz McNicholl takes the stage for a folk-fueled evening with Celtic flavor! Liz has shared the stage with Cherish the Ladies, and Eileen Ivers with Immigrant Soul, and she has performed in theaters and world music festivals throughout the U.S., including the Pavilion. Liz's debut solo album entitled "Grand Central Station" is a combination of folk, Celtic and original tunes and features Joanie Madden from Cherish the Ladies. Liz grew up in a small village in Co. Meath, Ireland and came to the United States in 1985. She now makes her home in Hamden, CT, and runs an early childhood music program called "Music Together" (musicalfolk.com) in New Haven County, CT and has a new album due to be released in August 2011.

Sponsor: Evi Allen Special Program Fund

Friday, July 8 @ 8pm

The Mill River Band

So popular they are referred to as the Pavilion's "house band", the Mill River lights up the night with unique blend of acoustic rock, country blues and western swing.

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Saturday, July 9 @ 8pm

The Alternate Routes

"An unfailing melodic and soulful touch" – Performing Songwriter

Fairfield County's own The Alternate Routes are on the rise but the rogue band stays true to the no-holds-barred, uplifting performance that first put them on the map. They're a band that's impossible to label but easy to love. They've got tear-jerking ballads to in-your-face rock anthems; bizarre, experimental songs to campfire sing-alongs. From musical-guesting on Conan O'Brien to opening for OAR, co-founders Tim Warren and Eric Donnelly continue to deliver solid, catchy songs and an explosive live show.

Sponsor: Downtown Merchants Association

Sunday, July 10 @7pm

BIG BAD VOODOO DADDY

Please note: Fundraiser – tickets on sale now at <http://specialevents.levittpavilion.com/>

Get ready to swing in the great outdoors with "America's favorite little big band" Big Bad Voodoo Daddy - award-winning stars of sold-out concerts across the nation, including Lincoln Center and the Hollywood Bowl – not to mention a Super Bowl halftime show. Proceeds from this event benefit the Pavilion and help underwrite our 57 free nights of performance this summer. General Admission (lawn seating – bring your own blankets and/or chairs) tickets: \$45, \$25 (student/senior) and \$15 children 12-and-under. \$125 benefactor tickets include a pre-concert cocktail party and a chair in the premium seating section. Available online at <http://specialevents.levittpavilion.com/> and by calling 866-973-9612 (press 3).

Sponsor: RBC Wealth Management, Westport

Tuesday, July 12 @ 8pm

Margot Leverett and the Klezmer Mountain Boys

Top 10 World CD of 2008 “The Boys move past their raucous source materials to create songs that are heartfelt and surprisingly elegant.” – Star Ledger

Klezmer meets Bluegrass! Klezmer clarinetist Margot Leverett joins forces with today's stars of klezmer and bluegrass to explore the shared musical spirit of two genres literally worlds apart. Appalachian and southern fiddle tunes by Bill Monroe meet klezmer melodies from pre-war Russia and Eastern Europe, some newly discovered. The resulting medleys and improvisations are at once raw, funny, soulful and foot-stomping.

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Wednesday, July 13 @ 7pm (Children's Series)

Kiddle Karoo & Krew

“The cool songs will have the kiddies dancing and singing along like rock stars.” – Kidmusic.com

Kiddle Karoo and Krew is an energetic live act that involves a Monster Band of costumed characters, colorful Monster Puppets and high-spirited lead singer Kiddle Karoo. This upbeat Krew combines rock, pop, and hip-hop music with comedy, dancing and a touch of magic to entertain both kids and their parents. “Silly Monster House Party” is a perfect blend of high-energy original music and rockin’ kids classics with a monster twist. Interactive dances in this romp are guaranteed to bring everyone to their feet for a MONSTER-I-FIC time!

Sponsor: Westport Young Women's League

Thursday, July 14 @ 8pm

Val Ramos Flamenco Ensemble

“The best of classical flamenco brought to modern standards” – Rootsworld.com

“A hidden treasure of the Flamenco world in the Americas... superb musicianship” – Flamenco Connection

The Val Ramos Flamenco Ensemble is one of the premier Flamenco fusion groups in the U.S. representing the best of contemporary Flamenco music, song, and dance. Established in 1994, the group lives up to the finest traditions of Flamenco with repertoire and performances that capture the roots of this musical culture and yet add modernity and freshness in keeping with the times and dynamic expression of this unique cultural expression.

Friday, July 15 @ 8pm

Early Clover

A charismatic singer and showman, Vegas veteran Early Clover returns to celebrate the release of his second album and transforms the Pavilion into the sultry lounge at the Sahara Hotel. The lead singer from the Coasters revue shares soulful original tunes as well as stirring renditions of classics by greats like Marvin Gaye, Sam Cooke, Nat King Cole and Otis Redding.

Sponsor: Evi Allen Special Program Fund

Saturday, July 16 @ 8pm

Hank and Cupcakes

"Hank & Cupcakes, one of 15 Musical Acts Positioned To Break Out In 2011" - Huffington Post

Sizzling Brooklyn-based duo Hank & Cupcakes bring their infectious and ferocious experimental pop and funk to town. Explosive beats, combining Cupcakes' bedrock drum punching and Hank's dexterous bass guitar, generate an addictive dance-groove that's as sexy as it is uncompromising. Rochester indie rascals Stereophone to open.

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Sunday, July 17 @ 7pm

Steve D'Agostino Band

Steve D'Agostino and his band transform the Pavilion into a Starlight Ballroom as they honor the tradition of the Great American Songbook with the timeless music and lyrics of Cole Porter, Ira Gershwin, Harold Arlen, Johnny Mercer, Jimmy Van Heusen and Sammy Cahn.

Sponsor: Westport Center for Senior Activities

Monday, July 18 @ 7:30pm

Westport Cinema Initiative's "Sing-A-Long with Grease"

The definitive high-school classic comes to life in a whole new way! And even if you don't remember all the words, never fear – just follow the bouncing ball. Get ready to dig out that poodle skirt and leather jacket and join Danny, Sandy and Rizzo for all out fun under the stars. Plus popcorn and more. Pre-show festivities at 7:30pm; Screening at 8:30pm. Westport Cinema Initiative is committed to building an independent movie theater in Westport, CT.

Tuesday, July 19 @ 8pm

The Golden Angels Jazz Band

Eight guys and a gal from Connecticut deliver hours of toe tapping and danceable favorites, spanning the popular music spectrum from small jazz combos to the Big Band sound. The members of the GAJB Angels Jazz Band are seniors, with the exception of their female vocalist – all the members are seasoned professionals, together they represent decades of musical expertise from performing in symphony orchestras and chamber music groups, to marching bands, big dance bands, and small jazz combos.

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Wednesday, July 20 @ 7pm (Children's Series)

Trout Fishing in America

"The Lennon and McCartney of kids' music" – N.P.R.

"A sublimely musical band" – Boston Herald

4-time Grammy Nominees Trout Fishing in America – the long-standing musical partnership of Keith Grimwood and Ezra Idlet – is music for people who take their fun seriously. They've been playing music together since the 1970s, when they met up in Texas in a folk rock band. In 1979, Trout Fishing was born, and now, 15 albums and four Grammy nominations later, Keith and Ezra still get up every day looking forward to playing music together. Their name, taken from a Richard Brautigan novel, seems almost as incongruous as a picture of this musical duo: Ezra (guitar) stands six feet nine inches and Keith (bass), five feet five and one half inches. After three decades of writing, recording and performing together, Trout Fishing in America can look back at a body of work that is impressive and know they are just hitting their stride.

Sponsor: Westport Young Women's League

Thursday, July 21 @ 8pm / RiverSwing: Free dance lesson before the show @ 7:15pm

Samba Brasil

Samba Brasil has been called “sparkling... breezy... sensuous... swinging” as well as “a simmering mix of Brazilian music and jazz.” Since 1994, the group has delighted audiences throughout New England with their fresh variations on the samba - the national dance and passion of Brazil. Samba Brasil performs their own original songs alongside those of composers like Tom Jobim, Ivan Lins and Djavan. A Samba Brasil show always includes bossa nova, baião, batucada and funk, and the very special touch of American jazz played by some of New England's premiere performers.

Sponsor: Weston Capital Management LLC

Friday, July 22 @ 8pm

DNR

Fairfield County's almost all-physician rock'n'roll band plays an infectious mix of heartstoppingly danceable music – their musical repertoire ranges from oldies and Motown, to funk, rock'n'roll, country and contemporary. These doc-rockers have a dedicated following and have specialized in keeping the beat alive since 2000.

Sponsor: Matsu Sushi

Saturday, July 23 @ 8pm

Buskin & Batteau

"Irresistible...an amalgam of melodic sensual pop, folkie grit and killer wit." - The Washington Post

"Buskin & Batteau are the most musically sophisticated act in folk." - The New York Times

Singer-songwriters David Buskin and Robin Batteau are back together again – reuniting to entertain a new generation while drawing legions of their old, loyal fans. Popular on the Cambridge folk music scene in the 1970s and '80s, Buskin and Batteau are trailblazing again. And if audience reaction is any barometer, these folk-guitar heroes are as relevant today as they were more than 30 years ago. Literate music and excellent songwriting coupled with intelligent, comedic banter and chemistry help explain B&B's lasting appeal.

Sunday, July 24 @ 7pm

Incendio

“A global musical experience” – L.A. Times

Incendio in both Italian and Spanish means “fire” – a fitting name for this L.A.-based Latin Guitar World Fusion group whose sound is all about energy, exploration, and passion, whose concerts are dazzling improvisatory journeys, and whose 7 CD’s enjoy international airplay and critical acclaim. Averaging about 150 shows a year, *Incendio*’s live performance is simply virtuosic and garners tremendous response from the Sundance Film Festival to California World Festival. Their latest guitar trio CD, *Vihuela*, was released in March 2009 in coordination with a new signature wine, “*Incendio*”, from Vihuela Winery in Paso Robles, CA – cheers!

Tuesday, July 26 @ 8pm

The Connecticut Ballet

“Dancers from all over the planet with a thirst for the new” – The New York Times

An exquisite evening of classical and contemporary dance and ballet performed by the state’s professional ballet company. Now celebrating its 30th Anniversary Season, Connecticut Ballet performs a diverse repertoire of new works, masterworks, and great story ballets and has been seen at venues from Jacob’s Pillow to Lincoln Center Out of Doors. Connecticut Ballet artists hail from companies such as American Ballet Theatre, Joffrey Ballet of Chicago, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Cunningham Dance Company, Paul Taylor Dance Company, San Francisco Ballet, MOMIX, and Mark Morris Dance Company.

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Wednesday, July 27 @ 7pm (Children’s Series)

Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem

“This is barefoot, front-porch, tap your feet folk music for families” – USA Today

“Raucous toe-tappers and stirring harmonies for the young and young at heart” – FamilyFun Magazine

For longtime fans, the bands instant success with children’s music comes as no surprise. For more than 10 years now, Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem has thrilled all-ages crowds with their “playful and profound” performances (Boston Globe). So once the quartet became a 100% parent operation, music for families and kids was sure to follow. The family show journeys skillfully through 200 years of American roots music and with their generous spirits and quirky humor, they are a family that audiences want to jump up and join. It’s a very participatory show, all are invited to wiggle, shake and shout or just listen along.

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Thursday, July 28 @ 9pm

The SUMMER GALA – An Evening with The Doobie Brothers

*Fundraiser – tickets on sale now at <http://levittpavilion.com/> and 866-973-9612 (ext. 3)

Don't miss this rare performance by legendary three time Grammy Award winning artists. One of America’s greatest songbooks comes to life on the Pavilion stage. 9PM Concert. All tickets are General Admission; chairs will be provided in each of the three seating sections: \$70 (Patron Section), \$95 (Preferred Section), \$250

(Premium Section, includes pre-concert concert cocktail party at 7PM plus after-party).

For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please visit <http://levittpavilion.com> or call : 203-221-2153.

Friday, July 29 @ 8pm

The Nu-Utopians

“Imagined: Celebrating the Songs of John Lennon”

The Nu-Utopians is a unique and compelling 7-piece ensemble that celebrates the genius and artistry of the late great John Lennon. Created and led by ‘70’s folk/rock stalwarts Rex Fowler of Aztec Two-Step and Tom Dean of Devonsquare, the Nu-Utopians ensemble gives remarkably fresh treatments to Lennon’s best and least known Beatles and solo compositions. Don’t miss this entertaining evening of storytelling, superb lead singing and 3-part harmonies, plus a host of accomplished musicians on acoustic, electric and bass guitars, cello, violin, mandolin, accordion, chromatic harmonica and light percussion. The Nu-Utopians’ debut CD “Imagined” was recently nominated for “Tribute Album of the Year” by the Independent Music Awards for its stunning interpretations of Lennon’s music, which has inspired a whole new appreciation for John’s music.

Saturday, July 30 @ 8pm | RiverSwing: Free dance lesson before the show @ 7:15pm

Gas House Gorillas

"This primo jump blues band has it all: an amazing rhythm section, awesome sax playing, fabulous guitar, a killer frontman, and fantastic songs." – Retro Music Review

The Gas House Gorillas – self-described as “God’s Favorite Rhythm and Blues band” – specialize in jump blues in the style of Louis Jordan and Wynonie Harris, with a dash of rockabilly. Cutting up with each other and the crowd, the Gorillas are more than a great band, they’re great entertainers as well. Their repertoire spans a range of styles including Jump Blues, Gypsy Swing, early Rock’n’Roll, Cajun Music, even the occasional funk groove. The Gas House Gorillas are fearlessly uninhibited performers and a sure-fire guarantee for a rippin' good time.

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Sunday, July 31 @ 7pm

Michael Coppola Trio and the Young Lions

"A real innovator" - Les Paul

Michael Coppola is the creator of the “Hydra” – a 9-string guitar that has taken the jazz world by storm. He is joined by Jim Andrews on upright bass and Arte Dixson on drums and the Young Lions, his hand-picked group of musical prodigies under the age of 20, for an inventive and inspiring evening of jazz standards.

Monday, August 1 @ 8:30pm

TeenFlix! Westport Youth Film Festival’s “Best of Westport” short films program

Tuesday, August 2 @ 8pm

Double Down

Double Down covers the best of Classic Rock, R&B, and Funk – with a jazzy touch. Tommy Nagy, Mike Ventimiglia, Courtney Wilson, Jay Gerbino, and Bill Chiarelli – you can bet on them.

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Wednesday, August 3 @ 7pm

Uncle Rock

"For kids' music with an edge, Uncle Rock is your go-to guy." New York Post

Known for dazzling cross-generational ages with his inspiring music that bridges the gap between adult and children's music seamlessly, Uncle Rock is truly "Rock of ALL Ages"! Uncle Rock's artful approach to oft-overlooked topics like conspicuous consumption ("Too Many Presents"), the plight of Arctic-dwelling friends ("Polar Bear Over There"), and the need for downtime ("Nothin' Doin'"), makes for an intelligent and interactive program, bringing all ages together in a singing and dancing crowd. This offbeat approach, plus a dynamic live show, has won critical praise from the L.A. Times, the New York Times and Cookie Magazine, to name a few, and Uncle Rock has been a mainstay on Sirius/XM Satellite radio, spending much of 2008 in the Top 20.

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Thursday, August 4 @ 8pm | RiverSwing: Free dance lesson before the show @ 7:15pm

Héctor Del Curto Tango Quartet & Dancers

"Tango lives or dies by the quality of its accordion-like bandoneón, and Héctor Del Curto is a splendid player." – The New York Times

Praised as "superb in their powerful and dynamic rendition" for their outstanding performance, Eternal Tango has been reviving and extending the rich tradition of Argentinean Tango. Formed in June 2003 by master bandoneon player Héctor Del Curto, the Quartet has been bringing riveting performances to numerous festivals, concert halls and shows including Lincoln Center Summer Festival, Winter Garden at the World Financial Center, Jazz Standard, Spiegeltent at Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts at Bard College, National Folk Festival, Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts in Connecticut, Le Carrefour Mondial de l'accordion in Quebec, Fiesta Iberoamericano de las Artes in Puerto Rico, Festival Internacional da Safona in Brazil, among many others. Héctor Del Curto's Eternal Tango CD has on National Public Radio's PRI segment "The World" and in various documentaries. Eternal Tango's new CD will be released in 2011.

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Friday, August 5 @ 8pm

Keltic Kick

Keltic Kick's™ unique blend of energized traditional Irish music has kept them at the forefront of the concert and club scene in the Northeast for over three decades. Founder and frontman Billy Donaldson leads this group of musical friends, who have been playing pubs, clubs, and Irish festivals all over the East Coast.

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Saturday, August 6 @ 8pm

The Doughboys

"Act Your Rage is one the greatest garage rock albums ever made. It has all the kaleidoscopic vision of 'Flower' by the Rolling Stones and all the mind bending charm of 'Psychedelic Sunrise' by The Chesterfield Kings." - Scott Herold, Rock The Cause

The Doughboys' high energy authentic garage rock is delivered by four seasoned and well-respected musicians – Myke Scavone (of Ram Jam "Black Betty" fame), Richie Heyman, Gar Francis (a.k.a. Plainfield Slim) and Mike Caruso (who honed his chops backing stars like Jimi Hendrix). One of the most popular central Jersey bands in the '60s, they've reunited for what is a full-blown renaissance. The Doughboys' new material on "Act Your Rage" is smoking and they throw in a couple oddball covers for good measure (a garage version of The Moody Blues' prog-rock classic "Tuesday Afternoon", anyone?).

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Sunday, August 7 @ 7pm

Gene Bertoncini Quartet

"Only beautiful sounds emanate from Gene's guitar" – The New Yorker

Gene Bertoncini is one of the pre-eminent jazz guitarists' active today. His fluid technique and lyricism have won him international praise and accolades as the "Segovia of jazz." An eloquent and versatile improviser, Mr. Bertoncini has been heard with an extraordinary range of jazz greats, including performances and recordings with Benny Goodman, Buddy Rich, Wayne Shorter, Hubert Laws, Paul Desmond among others, as well as such distinguished singers as Tony Bennett, Lena Horne, Nancy Wilson, Vic Damone, and Eydie Gorme.

Monday, August 8

TeenFlix! "Accepted"

Sponsor: Westport Youth Commission, Toquet Hall, Westport Library

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Wednesday, August 10 @ 7pm (Children's Series)

Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys

"Vanessa's shows are perfect. [She] really gets the kids (and parents) excited!...She has some sort of magical energy that makes all of her shows super fun..." – Boston Children's Music

Boston-based singer-songwriter and children's performer, Vanessa Trien, has become a local rock star among the young and young at heart. The "Nessa Groupies" sing and dance in the aisles at her packed shows with her lively band, the Jumping Monkeys, flock to her infant and toddler music education classes, and can't get enough of her two award-winning children's CDs, 'Carnival Day' and 'Hot Air Balloon.'

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Thursday, August 11 @ 8pm

Jodi Keogan & Friends

"The ultimate interpretations are realized by this artist who displayed the characteristic power of Verdi's music, the sweetness of Puccini, and the delicate religious nature of Handel and Mozart" - Il Tempo, Italy

An enchanting evening of Broadway and opera with dazzling vocals by this award winning lyric spinto soprano and her gifted musical collaborators.

Friday, August 12 @ 8pm

New York City Swing Band

RiverSwing Series: free dance lesson before the show @ 7:15pm

The brainchild of trumpeter Dore DeQuattro and drummer Steve Shane, NYC Swing electrifies the audience, packs the dancefloor and creates magical memories wherever they go. Their versatility is legendary and they've played personally for Michael Eisner and Sumner Redstone, not to mention at the Inaugural Balls for Presidents Bush and Clinton.

Sponsor: Weston Capital Management LLC

Saturday, August 13 @ 8pm

Southworth Family with Chris Coogan & Friends

A joyful and uplifting evening with something for everyone from the thirties to the aughties brought to you Frannie Southworth and her band Heart & Soul. The band includes her husband Jeff (former Hall and Oates guitarist), Chris Coogan (Good News Gospel Choir director and local jazz superstar), Sharon Bryant (former Atlantic Starr lead singer), her son Alan (Staples grad turned Princeton Nassoon), and Tony Cruz (percussionist via Bruce Springsteen) – plus surprise guest artists. This versatile concert for all ages makes everyone in the audience feel like a guest in the Southworth family home. Set list includes James Taylor, Carole King, Gershwin, Michael Buble, Jason Mraz, Linda Ronstandt, Fleetwood Mac – and more!

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Sunday, August 14 @ 7pm

Frank Vignola Gypsy Jazz

"Vignola possesses jaw-dropping technique" – Mike Joyce, Washington Post

The guitarist of choice for many greats, from Lionel Hampton and Madonna to Ringo Starr and Wynton Marsalis, Vignola covers everything from Mozart to Black Sabbath. He's on Wall Street Journal's "5 Most Admired Guitarists" List and hailed by N.Y. Times as "one of the brightest stars of guitar."

Monday, August 15

TeenFlix! "Jaws"

Sponsor: Westport Youth Commission, Toquet Hall, Westport Library

Tuesday, August 16 @ 8pm | RiverSwing: Free dance lesson during the show

Enrique Alarcon & Company

A sensational 2-part evening of dance by choreographer Enrique Alarcon. Part 1 features a preview of *ESPIRITU*, an Hispanic history told through a dance fusion of folk, contemporary, Latin and jazz, which will premiere in 2012. Part 2 is a fun, high-energy program of numbers, from the Cha Cha to Salsa – and since this evening is part of the RiverSwing Series – there will be a free dance lesson as part of the show.

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Wednesday, August 17 @ 7pm (Children's Series)

The Zinghoppers

Nashville's #1 Kids Entertainers – Parent Magazine 2010, 2009

The Zinghoppers play preschool pop on a whole new level - they've been called "Barney meets the Black Eyed Peas". The Zinghoppers were created by the husband and wife team of Kitty and Jack Norton to entertain, educate and engage young children – and get the whole place rocking with a fully choreographed concert extravaganza. Both are teachers with a love of music and a passion for communicating to young children in a fresh, engaging and fun way. Come out and play with this fun and friendly musical menagerie featuring DJ Kitty, Olo The Donkey, Coconuts The Kangaroo, Conductor Jack, and Penelope The Possum!

Sponsor: Melissa & Doug ®

Thursday, August 18 @ 8pm

Jamie Baum and Yard Byard: The Jaki Byard Project

"Nothing short of extraordinary – each tune was gripping and played to perfection" – All About Jazz

An inventive quintet: Jamie Baum (flute, alto flute), Adam Kolker (saxes and clarinets), Jerome Harris (guitar) and Ugonna Okegwo (bass), George Schuller (drums) Playing the music of the iconic late, great pianist, composer Jaki Byard.

Friday, August 19 @ 8pm

P.J. Pacifico

“Reminds me of early Paul Simon, and his songs share the same gentle portent” – Something Else

Performing with his full band, the acclaimed singer-songwriter delivers a confident, upbeat collection of road-tested rock/pop music – corresponds to the tour for his upcoming June 7th Viper Records release, ‘Outlet’!

With a radio-friendly sound that evokes Gin Blossoms and Matthew Sweet, and a storyteller’s cadence that has been compared to James Taylor, Pacifico is a rising star whose sense of groundedness is palpable.

Sponsor: Weisbach Greenfield Felderman Katz & Fiero, LLP

Saturday, August 20 @ 7pm

The Wood Brothers

"Beautiful harmonies, extraordinary guitar playing — slide and picking — monster bass playing; Oliver has unique powerful lead vocals," - WKZE (98.1FM)

The Wood Brothers have begun a collaboration that combines their shared childhood influences with everything they've learned since leaving home. While in Atlanta, Oliver soaked up the roots of blues, the soul of the south, and found he had a talent for writing and singing songs. His band, King Johnson (named after Freddy King and Robert Johnson) toured mostly in the southern states. Meanwhile, Chris was living in Manhattan playing everything from free jazz to rock and roll. This is where he met his band mates to form Medeski Martin & Wood. Together, the brothers’ music has a rootsy feel that blends blues, folk, and rock music in a guitar/bass duo.

Saturday, August 20 @ 8pm | RiverSwing: Free dance lesson before the show @ 7:45pm

DJ Rekha

“One of the ten women of downtown music” – New York Times Magazine

International sensation DJ merges the traditional Bhangra music of South Asia and the Hip-Hop beats of today, and takes audiences on a journey into the infectious expanding South Asian dance music genre known as Bhangra. Experience some of the music and moves from her internationally known event “Basement Bhangra”, the monthly New York dance party at S.O.B.'s. DJ Rekha has spun at events from P.S. 1’s Warm Up and Central Park Summerstage to the White House Easter Egg Hunt. She arranged the music for the Tony Award-winning Off-Broadway play *Bridge and Tunnel*, and *Newsweek* recognized her as one of the most influential South Asians in the U.S. Joined by dancers and drums, DJ Rekha’s massive dance party at the Pavilion is *not to be missed*.

Sponsor: Weston Capital Management LLC

Sunday, August 21 @ 7pm

Navy Band Northeast

A perennial favorite, the 16-piece military band returns with music from the Big Band era to the present.

Host: V.F.W. Post 399

Monday, August 22

TeenFlix! “Toy Story 3”

Sponsor: Westport Youth Commission, Toquet Hall, Westport Library

Tuesday, August 23 @ 8pm

The Doc Wallace Trio

"Great sound quality and terrific music! The whole thing is a great pleasure." - New York Newsday

With its unique blend of Texas-style fiddling and swing, the ever-fabulous Doc Wallace Trio has rapidly established itself as one of the most exciting instrumental ensembles in New York City. Texas-style contest fiddling is best described as a fusion between traditional old-time fiddling and early jazz.

Sponsor: First County Bank

Wednesday, August 24 @ 7pm (Children’s Series)

Dre Towey with Sugar on Top

2009 & 2001 Parents Choice Awards

A modern pied-piper with a Sheryl Crow vibe, Dre strolls around with a guitar on her back and a throng of fans/friends trailing behind. Her music, lyrics and rollicking live performances provide parents and their kids an oasis of cool. A former elementary school teacher and art educator whose music has been featured on The Today Show, Dre thrives on kid energy – her experiences with children resonate through her lyrics and music while touching upon a range of subjects from the dog across the street to the harrowing experience of losing a balloon. While raising her three children she writes, illustrates and performs. She loves what she does and does what she loves, and you will hear in her music this certain...*joie de vive*.

Sponsor: The Little Gym

Thursday, August 25 @ 8pm

The United States Coast Guard Dixieland Band

The U.S. Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band was organized in 1970 to perform classic jazz, blues, and rags with a “New Orleans” flavor. The Dixieland Jazz Band has entertained audiences across America, in the former Soviet Union and in the U.K. Notable venues include Disney World, the Atlantic City Boardwalk, Milwaukee’s “Galaxy Jazz Festival”, San Francisco’s Embarcadero, the John F. Kennedy Center Millennium Stage in Washington, D.C., Mardi Gras in New Orleans. The 5-member group has also performed on radio and television broadcasts.

Host: V.F.W. Post 399

Friday, August 26 @ 8pm

Celebration

Party band extraordinaire, Celebration features seven musicians including a three-piece horn section, together with a set list and road show designed to rock your socks off.

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Saturday, August 27 @ 8pm

Civil Twilight

"The future is indeed very bright for this extremely talented trio" – The Examiner

"The trio delivers compelling, emotional music... one listen and you'll agree that three is the perfect number" – Justine Magazine

Ambitious lyrics and expansive soundscapes from a trio of South African transplants. Three lifelong friends – brothers Steven and Andrew McKellar and Richard Wouters – have been playing together since they were teens – and count musical influences from Oasis, U2 and Nirvana, to The Verve, The Police and Radiohead. Civil Twilight envelopes you in its multi-layered sound and vision – at once, lush, feverish and exotic and at the same time, vast, arid, and spacious. The band's name is a reflection on that in-between time, not quite daylight, not quite darkness, but rather a shifting shade of grey. Don't miss them – attending this, our last Saturday concert of the Summer 2011, guarantees future bragging rights.

Sunday, August 28 @ 6:45pm (note early start time)

The Fairfield Counts

"It's like walking into a ballroom dance out of the past, and it is wonderful." – The New York Times

Enjoy swing and the big band sound with these local favorites. And in keeping with our Summer Season closing night tradition, please bring canned goods for the Women's Food Closet.

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SUNDAYS-At-A-Glance

June 26 @ 7PM: OPENING NIGHT! "THE CAST OF BEATLEMANIA"

July 3 @ 7PM: Swing Banjoist Cynthia Sayer & Her Sparks Fly Band

July 10 @ 7pm: BIG BAG VOODOO DADDY (TICKETED FUNDRAISER)

July 17 @ 7pm: Steve D'Agostino Band

July 24 @ 7pm: Incendio

July 31 @ 7pm: Michael Coppola Trio and the Young Lions
August 7 @ 7pm: Gene Bertoncini Quartet
August 14 @ 7pm: Frank Vignola Gypsy Jazz
August 21 @ 7PM: Navy Band Northeast
August 28 @ 6:45pm (note early start time): The Fairfield Counts

MONDAYS-At-A-Glance – check website for start times circa sundown

July 18: Westport Cinema Initiative Presents a Screening and Sing-Along: “GREASE”
August 1: TeenFlix – Westport Youth Film Festival’s “Best of Westport” short films program
August 8: TeenFlix - “Accepted”
August 15: TeenFlix - “Jaws”
August 22: TeenFlix - “Toy Story 3”

TUESDAYS-At-A-Glance

June 28 @ 8pm: Westport Community Band
July 5 @ 8pm: Treehouse Comedy Night
July 12 @ 8pm: Margot Leverett and the Klezmer Mountain Boys
July 19 @ 8pm: The Golden Angels Jazz Band
July 26 @ 8pm: The Connecticut Ballet
August 2 @ 8pm: Double Down
August 9 @ 8pm: Treehouse Comedy Night
August 16 @ 8pm: Enrique Alarcon & Company (RiverSwing dance lesson during the show)
August 23 @ 8pm: The Doc Wallace Trio

WEDNESDAYS-At-A-Glance (Children’s Series)

June 29 @ 7pm: The Hall Family & Friends
July 6 @ 7pm: The Magic of Lyn
July 13 @ 7pm: Kiddle Karoo & Krew
July 20 @ 7pm: Trout Fishing in America
July 27 @ 7pm: Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem
August 3 @ 7pm: Uncle Rock
August 10 @ 7pm: Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys
August 17 @ 7pm: The Zinghoppers
August 24 @ 7pm: Dre Towey with Sugar on Top

THURSDAYS-At-A-Glance

June 30 @ 8pm: 102nd Army Band
July 7 @ 8pm: Jesse Lopez_

July 14 @ 8pm: Val Ramos Flamenco Ensemble

July 21 @ 8pm: Samba Brasil (RiverSwing dance lesson @ 7:15)

July 28 @ 9pm: The SUMMER GALA – An Evening with The Doobie Brothers (THE GALA IS A TICKETED FUNDRAISER)

August 4 @ 8pm: Héctor Del Curto Tango Quartet & Dancers (RiverSwing dance lesson @7:15)

August 11 @ 8pm: Jodi Keogan & Friends

August 18 @ 8pm: Jamie Baum, Classical and Jazz Quartet

August 25 @ 8pm: The United States Coast Guard Dixieland Band

FRIDAYS-At-A-Glance

July 1: The Pavilion is DARK – we'll see you at Compo Beach for the P.A.L. Fireworks!

July 8 @ 8pm: The Mill River Band

July 15 @ 8pm: Early Clover

July 22 @ 8pm: DNR

July 29 @ 8pm: Aztec Two-Step

August 5 @ 8pm: Keltic Kick

August 12 @ 8pm: New York City Swing Band (RiverSwing dance lesson @ 7:15pm)

August 19 @ 8pm: P.J. Pacifico

August 26 @ 8pm: Celebration

SATURDAYS-At-A-Glance

July 2 @ 8pm: The Female Vocal Review with the Backup Band & Host Sarah Brooks

July 9 @ 8pm: Alternate Routes

July 16 @ 8pm: Hank and Cupcakes

July 23 @ 8pm: Buskin & Batteau

July 30 @ 8pm: Gas House Gorillas (RiverSwing dance lesson @ 7:15)

August 6 @ 8pm: The Doughboys

August 13 @ 8pm: Southworth Family with Chris Coogan & Friends

August 20 @ 8pm: DJ Rekha (RiverSwing dance lesson @ 7:15)

August 27 @ 8pm: Civil Twilight

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