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The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts

**The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts** is dedicated to providing FREE and abundant access to the performing arts, presenting a dynamic and diverse constellation of established and emerging artists, and preserving a beautiful outdoor space where people of all ages and backgrounds are always welcome to enjoy the arts, enjoy nature, and enjoy each other.

Founded in 1973, The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts produces a unique open-air Summer festival located along the banks of the Saugatuck River in downtown Westport. The Summer Season runs over the course of 10 weeks, from late June through August, lighting up Fairfield County with almost **60 nights of FREE entertainment**. Each summer, the Pavilion welcomes over **50,000 patrons** from Fairfield County, over 30 neighboring communities and the Tri-State area. To date, the Pavilion has welcomed more than one million people – and counting.

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, comedy and more. Every summer also includes the acclaimed Children's Series on Wednesdays; and for movers and shakers, there's RiverSwing – an annual series of six or more evenings sprinkled throughout the season on which the Pavilion offers free pre-concert dance lessons led by professionals in the style of the music about to be enjoyed. During the course of the year, the Levitt Pavilion produces a handful of ticketed events to help underwrite the cost of the free programming.

Publically enjoyed and privately funded, the Pavilion has been an anchor institution in the community for 38 years and counting and is supported through the generosity of corporate, foundation, and individual donations as well as services and support from the Town of Westport, Westport Parks & Recreation, and the State, including the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism. The Friends of the Levitt Pavilion, Inc., d/b/a The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

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