

THE SUNDAY MUSIC SERIES 2011

Presented by and at The Westport Center for Senior Activities

Programmed by The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts

The 6th Season begins Sunday, November 20th featuring Steve D'Agostino

Five free indoor concerts return to warm things up this winter

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, November 1, 2011: Jack Klinge, President of The Friends of The Westport Center for Senior Activities, announced that the 6th season of the free *Sunday Music Series* at the Center will open on Sunday, November 20th with a concert starring **Steve D'Agostino**. The series, programmed by **Freda Welsh**, Executive Director of the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts, continues through March with monthly concerts spanning a variety of genres, from cabaret and swing, to bluegrass and klezmer, to classical and Broadway, to straight-up rock. Each afternoon welcomes audiences of all ages and features complimentary refreshments before the show and all five concerts in the series are free to the public, made possible by a grant from **Mimi Levitt** and the Levitt Foundation.

The opening program on November 20th features Steve D'Agostino, the renowned vocalist with a retro twist, and his all-star musicians performing favorite standards from the "Great American Songbook" including hits by Cole Porter, Ira Gershwin, Johnny Mercer and Sammy Cahn. Mr. D'Agostino's smooth style and technique – honed over his twenty-plus-year career – evoke classic crooners such as Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Tony Bennett, and Dean Martin. Mr. D'Agostino has transported audiences to a starlight ballroom at venues including The Paris Casino Hotel in Las Vegas, Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT, The Pequot Room at Foxwoods Casino and the MGM Grand Theatre in Ledyard, CT and the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts in Westport.

The December 18th concert features **Maureen Hamill & Friends**; the acclaimed cabaret star and her ensemble perform Broadway showstoppers and holiday favorites. On January 22nd, the new year will be stomped in by **Margot Leverett & The Klezmer Mountain Boys**; the award-winning clarinetist and her band blend bluegrass and klezmer creating medleys and improvisations that are at once raw, soulful, and funny. February 12th is the perfect date for a heart-warming program of Broadway and opera favorites with dazzling vocals by lyric soprano **Jodi Keogan** and her gifted musical collaborators. The *Sunday Music Series* ends with a bang on March 18th when **The Mill River Band** – a.k.a. The Levitt Pavilion's house band – delivers up a unique mix of acoustic rock, country blues and western swing.

All ages are encouraged to attend the opening; reservations are suggested. Doors open at 1pm, complimentary refreshments will be served at 1:30, followed by the concert at 2pm. For more information or to reserve a place at this FREE performance, call 203-341-5099. The Westport Center for Senior Activities is located at 21 Imperial Avenue. Seating will be limited to 350 people with early preference given to seniors.

FOR NOVEMBER CALENDAR LISTINGS:

The Sunday Music Series opens its 6th season on Sunday, November 20th with crooner Steve D'Agostino and his all-star band playing favorite standards from "The American Songbook", including hits by Porter, Gershwin, Mercer and Cahn. Presented by and at The Westport Center for Senior Activities; programmed by The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts; sponsored by Mimi Levitt and the Mortimer Levitt Foundation, the concert is FREE to general public and all ages. Doors open at 1:00 p.m., complimentary refreshments will be served at 1:30, and show-time is 2:00 p.m. Seating is limited; reservations are suggested; call 203-341-5099 for more information or to reserve a space at the Center which is located at 21 Imperial Avenue, Westport.

FOR DECEMBER CALENDAR LISTINGS:

The Sunday Music Series continues its 6th season on Sunday, December 18th with Maureen Hamill & Friends; the acclaimed cabaret star and her ensemble perform Broadway showstoppers and holiday favorites. Presented by and at The Westport Center for Senior Activities; programmed by The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts; sponsored by Mimi Levitt and the Mortimer Levitt Foundation, the concert is FREE to general public and all ages. Doors open at 1:00 p.m., complimentary refreshments will be served at 1:30, and show-time is 2:00 p.m. Seating is limited; reservations are suggested; call 203-341-5099 for more information or to reserve a space at the Center which is located at 21 Imperial Avenue, Westport.

More about the Program Partners:

The Westport Center for Senior Activities, in Westport CT, offers a host of recreational and educational activities for seniors. Friends of the Westport Center for Senior Activities is a voluntary organization committed to supporting the mission and goals of the Center and to enriching and expanding the programs and activities it offers to the Westport Community. Friends programs include afternoons of music, lectures and seminars on literature, conversations with artists, talks on technology, presentations about history, cooking lessons, films, Super Bowl parties, Saturday socials, barbecues and clambakes. www.westportct.gov/seniorcenter

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 along the banks of the Saugatuck River in downtown Westport, lighting up

Fairfield County with over 50 nights of FREE entertainment. The Pavilion presents a vibrant range of performing arts including music, dance and comedy. Every summer also includes the acclaimed Children's Series on Wednesdays and RiverSwing, an annual series of six 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.

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