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Rose Tree Park is "Ready to Rock"

Delaware County's free concert series kicks off June 13

The 44th annual Delaware County Summer Festival concert series in Rose Tree Park kicks off on Wednesday, June 13, with a riveting performance by the Delaware County Symphony.

Members of the symphony have shared that the opening night concert will feature a variety of classical selections, including "Capriccio Espagnol," and many popular favorites by composers Gershwin, Bernstein and Copland. There will also be a surprise celebrity guest conductor just for fun.

"Delaware County Council is once again thrilled to offer this free outdoor concert series for our residents this summer," said Council Chairman John McBlain. "The Summer Festival is a great way to enjoy a night with your family and friends in beautiful Rose Tree Park. It's also a great way for us to support and enjoy many of our talented local performers."

The Summer Festival is a free outdoor concert series which runs five times a week for nine weeks throughout the summer, on Wednesdays through Sundays from June 13 to August 12.

Each evening's entertainment is different from the night before, and fans of all styles will find a wide variety of genres throughout the summer, including Big Band, Cajun, jazz, blues, rock, pop, bluegrass, R&B, reggae, rockabilly, and more.

"In Delaware County we are extremely fortunate to have this beautiful venue to showcase local talent," said Marc Manfre, Director of the Delaware County Parks and Recreation Department, "and we're thrilled to provide our residents the chance to see top quality entertainment free of charge. It's become a Delco tradition for thousands of families."

All performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with two exceptions: the morning concerts for children on June 20, Summer Singalong with Peter Moses, and June 28, Steve Pullara & His Cool Beans Band take place at 10:00 a.m. The amphitheater will be closed for the fourth of July holiday.

This season's schedule includes many perennial summer favorites, such as The Fabulous Greaseband on June 14 and Chico's Vibe on June 17 plus nine shows never seen before at Rose Tree, including three of Philly's hometown notables: The Aqua String Band on June 30, Boathouse Row on July 8 and The Ebonys on August 4.

Audiences should bring blankets and chairs for seating. Snacks and refreshments are available for purchase during the concerts. Picnics are welcome; alcohol is prohibited. Pets and smoking must remain outside the amphitheater. There are no rain dates in case of weather cancellations.

The Summer Festival is presented by Delaware County Council with support from local sponsors, including Acme Markets and PECO. Schedules are available in Rose Tree Park, the Media Courthouse Complex, and Delaware County libraries. For more information, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at 610-891-4455 or visit www.co.delaware.pa.us.