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**The City of Redwood City presents
THE WOW IN DOWNTOWN
A Series of Free Events on Courthouse Square and
Theatre Way in Downtown Redwood City**

REDWOOD CITY – Downtown Redwood City is going to wow you again this season with an enticing variety of FREE events and entertainment, featuring Music, Dance, Movies, Art, Culture and more. Every week throughout the summer at the beautiful Courthouse Square and Theatre Way, four great evenings will highlight a fabulous, free, fun-filled activity, including Jazz Mondays on Main St., Dancing on the Square on Tuesdays, Movies on the Square on Thursdays, and Music on the Square on Fridays. Other ongoing events in the coming months include seven special outdoor exhibits featuring Art on the Square, Lunchtime on the Square with Monday and Wednesday afternoon lunchtime performances, as well as weekend Target Family Days, and Cultural Events. An enjoyable area to stroll, shop and dine, Theatre Way (Middlefield), welcomes you all summer long with its pleasant European atmosphere and the stunning Courthouse Square. Its cooling fountains and surrounding exotic eateries offer a great place to enjoy balmy summer evenings with friends, family, and neighbors. Join the fun this season and see what this gem on the Peninsula is all about!

Movies on the Square

Redwood City's Summer movie experience continues with FREE movies on 12 Thursday evenings starting at sundown (approximately 8:45pm). Enjoy classic movies that will delight kids and adults alike through September 9th including *The Blind Side* on July 15th, *UP* on August 9th, and *The Music Man* on September 2nd, among others. Come early for the best seats (a limited number of chairs and tables are available). Bring your blankets, pick up take-out food from the nearby wonderful restaurants, and experience outdoor "theater" with our 25-foot screen.

Music on the Square

Free music every week throughout the summer! WOW! Come enjoy 22 wonderful shows not to be missed on Friday evenings from 6 to 8 pm, beginning with guitarist Shane Dwight on May 14th. With top-quality local and national musical performers — from rock, blues, Zydeco, and swing, to Latin, Motown, country, and more— music fans of all ages will be thrilled to discover and enjoy our free summer concert series, this year through October 8th!

Jazz Mondays on Main

The Jazz Mondays on Main series really takes off this year, with Main St. hosting outdoor Jazz concerts every Monday evening from June 21st through August 16th featuring the Bay Area's very best jazz artists. From 6-8pm, enjoy the music, eat at one of the many great restaurants along Main St, and if the mood suits you – DANCE! An all-star lineup will be sure to make for many wonderful Monday evenings on Main St. in Downtown Redwood City's Historic District.

Dancing on the Square

Get ready to kick up you heels on Tuesday evenings with our free dance series, where you'll see – and learn! - the Tango, Swing, Cha-Cha, Salsa, Waltz, Country Western, Belly Dance, and more. The fun will begin on June 22nd from 6pm- 8pm, with a 30-minute demonstration and continues on with public participation. Featuring free mini-lessons and open social dancing for all ages and all levels, no experience needed and no partner required. Bring your friends, learn to dance, step out in style and have some serious fun!

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Art on the Square

Redwood City is fast becoming the peninsula's epicenter for the arts with new galleries and great places to hear live music. Art on the Square is a series of seven juried outdoor art shows on the streets surrounding Courthouse Square in downtown Redwood City. Shows are held monthly from June through September, featuring fine art and fine craft in a variety of media, and at price points for every budget. Treat your eyes and yourself, friends, or family to original art - painting, glass, photography, ceramics, and more. There's wonderful jewelry at each show, but for those who can't get enough, we've added Jewelry on the Square on July 9th.

Lunchtime on the Square

Bring your lunch or just relax with live music each Monday and Wednesday from 11:30am to 1:30 pm on Courthouse Square while enjoying wonderful singers and songwriters with a wide variety of musical styles. These solo performers will bring that hometown feel to Redwood City's community gathering spot at lunchtime, and make you feel a part of it too!

Cultural Performances

The weekends bring an incredible variety of themed concerts and entertainment to Downtown Redwood City, showcasing musical talent from around the world. Starting on July 17th with Flamenco and Jazz-Infused Latin Guitarist Raul Midón, you can revel in the discovery of a different unique culture through its music and movement at three very special events: July 17th, August 22nd, and September 18th.

Classical Series

For the classical music lover in everyone, Redwood City is launching a new Classical Music Series for 2010. The series launches at 6pm on June 26th with The West Bay Community Band, and then continues on July 31st with the Peninsula Symphony. The great classical music continues on September 19th with the innovative Redwood Symphony. You won't want to miss these free classical concerts, performed outdoors on beautiful Courthouse Square for your musical enjoyment.

Target Family Days

Target Family Days will transform Theatre Way, near the corner of Broadway and Middlefield Road, into a walkable assortment of themed family entertainment this summer. Featuring Cultural Food, themed face painting, hands-on Art Projects, a caricature artist, cooking demonstrations, bounce houses and more, there will be something for everyone on three Sundays from July through September. Plus, the street will be closed to through traffic, making a stroll along beautiful Theatre Way a fun and relaxing family experience.

More information about the events at: <http://www.redwoodcityevents.org>

These free events, occurring extending through spring, summer, and fall are sponsored by the City of Redwood City and its Civic Cultural Commission, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and Redevelopment Agency.

The Redwood City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department provides recreational facilities and activities for all ages and interests, and supplies building and custodial services for City buildings. Redwood City Parks also operates the Fair Oaks Community Center, providing social, educational, and cultural activities, as well as information, referral, and counseling services to persons living in Redwood City and neighboring communities. Redwood City Parks is more than you think! Its website is located at www.redwoodcity.org/parks.

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