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# Redwood City presents SUMMER SERIES 2017

## 11th Year of Free, Fun Events and Activities in Redwood City!

Redwood City, CA – Celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Redwood City welcomes the community for its eleventh great year of FREE events and entertainment. Every week throughout the summer on beautiful Courthouse Square and throughout Redwood City, fabulous, fun-filled activities for all ages are highlighted. The season kicks off at the beginning of June on Thursdays with Movies on the Square, and on Fridays featuring Music on the Square. Other ongoing events in the coming months bring Wednesdays with Music in the Park, Classical Concerts, Shakespeare in the Park, Kidchella: a concert series for kids, along with special outdoor exhibits featuring ART on the Square.

The pleasant European atmosphere of Courthouse Square, with its cooling fountains and surrounding exotic shops and eateries, offers friends, family, and neighbors a stunning place to gather and enjoy balmy summer evenings. Redwood City is the only city on the SF Peninsula to be offering so many free events of this scope, so come on out to see what the excitement is about! (details at <a href="https://www.RedwoodCityEvents.com">www.RedwoodCityEvents.com</a>)

#### Music in the Park

Free music for ten full weeks throughout the summer! The 2017 season features concerts in a laid-back park ambiance on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 pm, starting off with Jokers and Thieves on June 14<sup>th</sup>. With unique and varied musical performances — including Motown, Blues, Zydeco, Latin, Funk/Soul and much more— families and friends will enjoy our free outdoor concert series, in the relaxing setting of beautiful Stafford Park, this year through August 16<sup>th</sup>. There is also a concession tent selling hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chips and drinks, graciously operated and donated by the Optimist Club of Redwood City. All proceeds benefit the Save the Music program in Redwood City Schools. More info at: <a href="http://redwoodcity.org/musicinthepark">http://redwoodcity.org/musicinthepark</a>

#### Movies on the Square

Redwood City's summer movie experience brings you FREE movies on Thursday evenings starting at sundown (approximately 8:45pm, then earlier as the summer progresses). Enjoy a variety of movies that will delight kids and adults alike, featuring new releases from 2016 such as *Trolls* on June 15<sup>th</sup>, *Fantastic Beasts* on July 6<sup>th</sup>, and *La La Land* on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Movie-goers can also enjoy excellent family classics such as *Spaceballs* on June 8<sup>th</sup>, *The Princess Bride* on July 20<sup>th</sup>, and *Dirty Dancing* on August 24<sup>th</sup>, among many others. Come early for the best seats (a limited number of chairs and tables are available), bring your blankets, and pick up take-out food from the delicious choices of restaurants nearby. Redwood City is THE ONLY city in California offering surround sound movies, so come enjoy the scene and experience outdoor "theater" with our 25-foot screen. More info about Movies on the

#### Music on the Square

Free music every week throughout the summer! This year brings 14 unique concerts on Friday evenings from 6 to 8 pm, beginning with the dance band Pop Rocks on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and running through September 1<sup>st</sup> with Pride and Joy closing out the season. With top-quality local and national musical performers — from rock, blues, and pop, to reggae and much more— music fans of all ages will be thrilled to discover and enjoy our free summer concert series on Fridays! More details are at <a href="http://redwoodcity.org/musiconthesquare">http://redwoodcity.org/musiconthesquare</a>

#### **Classical on the Square**

For the classical, instrumental or opera music lover, or anyone who appreciates great musical talent, Redwood City offers three concerts for its Classical Music Series starting in June. The series launches at 7pm with Redwood Symphony on June 24<sup>th</sup>, followed by Opera San Jose on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The season concludes on September 10<sup>th</sup> with Bayshore Lyric Opera at 5pm. Families will love these free classical concerts, performed outdoors on beautiful Courthouse Square. Learn more at: <a href="http://redwoodcity.org/classical">http://redwoodcity.org/classical</a>

#### **Sounds of the Shores**

Redwood City takes its summer music out to Redwood Shores for 3 weekends throughout the summer. Performances on June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, and August 13<sup>st</sup> at Marlin Park are a local family favorite. Marlin Park is located on the lagoons of Redwood Shores and provides a picturesque setting for live music.

Learn more at: <a href="http://redwoodcity.org/soundsoftheshores">http://redwoodcity.org/soundsoftheshores</a>

#### **ART on the Square**

ART on the Square features the best in fine arts and crafts for six juried special events, starting on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Courthouse Square in downtown Redwood City. Complementing Redwood City's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Music on the Square and the PAL Blues Festival, ART on the Square showcases original painting, photography, jewelry, glass, ceramics, and more, at prices for every budget. There's also exquisite jewelry at every show, and for those who can't get enough of it, there is a special **Jewelry on the Square** on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Plus, every ART on the Square event is combined with great music, food, and fun! More information about ART on the Square is at: <a href="http://www.redwoodcity.org/artonthesquare">http://www.redwoodcity.org/artonthesquare</a>

#### **Kidchella - Kid's Concert Series**

Redwood City is pleased to offer its kids music series for the fifth year! For four Sundays this summer, the ubiquitous Andy-Z will be the Master of Music and Play by bringing his high energy to Courthouse Square. Sponsored by Redwood City's Public Library and Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, this series will provide a safe and fun environment for kids to dance and enjoy live music from 11am to 1pm. The 2017 season kicks off with Purple Fox and the Heebie Jeebies on June 11<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Hipwaders on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Alison Faith Levy's Big Time Tot Rock comes next on August 13<sup>th</sup>, and the series winds up with Andy Z and the Andyland Band on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Your family will be thrilled to enjoy free live music, along with an inflatable play-land and more, at the Kidchella series this summer! Read more at: http://redwoodcity.org/kidchella

#### Shakespeare in the Park

Celebrating its 34th year, San Francisco Shakespeare Festival brings its performance of "Hamlet" to Downtown Redwood City for 3 weekends in August! Shakespeare in the Park offers three 7:30pm shows on Saturdays, and three 4:00pm shows on Sundays, while providing an opportunity to see high quality, professional theater in the relaxing outdoor setting of Sequoia Campus, free of charge. Treat yourself to some Shakespeare this August, for a moment that is sure to please. Learn more at: <a href="http://www.redwoodcity.org/shakespeare">http://www.redwoodcity.org/shakespeare</a>

### Redwood City's 150th Anniversary Celebration

Redwood City celebrates its Sesquicentennial year in style, starting with a special 150th Festival and Flower Extravaganza. This free downtown event features three stages, along with attractions such as a Flower Extravaganza & Flower sale; Live Music; a Historic Fashion Show; 1850's Pioneer Camp; Kids Love Trucks Area; Art on the Square; and an evening 3D Digital Light Show. Plus, amateur and professional Barbeque Chefs will compete at the Redwing City Chicken Wing Competition for fun, prizes and major bragging rights! Lastly, there will be an Adult Libations Tasting area, delicious ethnic food, FREE hands-on art projects, and a Children's Play Area, complete with bounce houses, and much, much more! Info at: <a href="http://www.redwoodcity.org/150Anniversary">http://www.redwoodcity.org/150Anniversary</a>

More info about all of the events at <a href="http://www.redwoodcityevents.com">http://www.redwoodcityevents.com</a>.

These free events are presented by the City of Redwood City's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, and Civic Cultural Commission. The City of Redwood City would also like to thank the following sponsors for their generous contributions to Music on the Square:

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