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# Redwood City presents KIDCHELLA

## A Series of Free Kids' Rock Concerts on Courthouse Square

Redwood City is proud to offer a new music series this year especially for kids, named Kidchella. For three 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 the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, this new series will provide a fun and safe environment for kids to dance and enjoy live music from 11am to 1pm. The first event on June 30<sup>th</sup> will feature Alison Faith Levy's Big Time Tot Rock. On August 18<sup>th</sup>, Andy Z will also be performing with The Andyland Band, and The Hipwaders will complete the series on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Your family will be thrilled to enjoy free live music, along with an inflatable playland at the new Kidchella series this summer! More info at: <a href="http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/kidchella.html">http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/kidchella.html</a>

## About Emcee "MC" AndyZ

Redwood City-born kindie-rock artist Andy Z literally feels right at home MC'ing the new kids rock concert series Kidchella. In addition to performing live for hundreds of audiences every year, he has guest deejayed on the national radio shows Spare The Rock Spoil The Child and Hilltown Family Variety Show. As a celebrity, he appeared with Nancy Cartwright (the voice of Bart Simpson) at the joint event "Stars In The Park", and with San Francisco Giants mascot "Lou Seal", leading the Highlander Little League Opening Day crowd in a rousing rendition of "Take Me Out To The Ball Game".

#### Alison Faith Levy's Big Time Tot Rock - June 30, 2013, 11am-1pm

Alison Faith Levy, formerly "Sippy Alison" of the beloved Bay Area band for children, The Sippy Cups, is a nationally renowned children's musician based in San Francisco. She is thrilled to be returning to Redwood City with her Big Time Tot Rock band, and can't wait to get everyone dancing and singing along with her colorful, whimsical interactive rock show for families.

Since releasing her debut solo album for children, <u>World of Wonder</u>, Alison has been performing all over the Bay Area and beyond, as well as teaching her own "Big Time Tot Rock" music classes for toddlers and preschoolers at the San Francisco and Peninsula Jewish Community Centers. She brings a freewheeling rock n' roll energy to acoustic guitar and piano tunes, and each song in her live show encourages children (and adults) to participate in all kinds of active silly ways including dancing, singing, making animal sounds, pretending, jumping, spinning and wiggling! Score one for the parents: her Big Time Tot Rock band includes members of well-known Bay Area indie bands The Orange Peels and The Corner Laughers. <u>www.alisonfaithlevy.com</u>

## Andy Z and the Andyland Band – August 18, 2013, 11am-1pm

Andy Z, winner of Disney Interactive's iParenting Media Award, delights kids and kids-at-heart with his musical adventures in the make-believe world of Andyland. His music has been heard on NBC's Today Show and his performances have been featured in the Pandora Video Series and on the Pottery Barn Kids Stylehouse website. Children are drawn in by his energetic music that runs the gamut from educational to just plain silly; dance songs to sing-a-longs to full body movement. Genres include rock, British pop, jazz, folk, country, hip-hop, blues, Irish and classic traditional kids' tunes. The Andyland Band makes the most of the harmonic energy provided by an electric performance and feature props and costumes. Their dynamic performances are not to be missed.

http://www.andyz.com

http://www.youtube.com/AndyInAndyland

# **The Hipwaders** - September 15, 2013, 11am-1pm

The Hipwaders have had several top ten songs on XM/SIRIUS Radio including #1 songs, "Hey Josie!" & "Educated Kid". The Hipwaders have recorded 5 albums including a NAPPA award-winning album of original Christmas songs. Their latest release, 2011's "The Golden State", recently received a NAPPA Gold Award. "In the same spirit of completely wonderful, whimsical and musically gifted treats for the young set is the Bay Area-based Hipwaders, pulling off some brilliantly fun and surprisingly hip songs extolling touchstones of childlike glee including art cars and dinosaurs. With Devo influences the post-mod-rock trio lays some serious grooves and invokes the best spirits of They Might be Giants, Schoolhouse Rocks and The Beatles' veiled odes to decadence that were so brilliant no one cared what they were about. The Hipwaders are on a great path to immortality [...] that speaks to children of all ages and can be reinterpreted on multiple cultural and spiritual levels. Indeed we all might be hip-deep soon." ~ DJ Pusspuss, SF Bay Times

http://www.hipwaders.net

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\_embedded&v=T-vjl\_6enyg

#### **Calendar Information**

Kidchella Music Series - Alison Faith Levy's Big Time Tot Rock 11am-1pm, Sunday, June 30 Courthouse Square 2200 Broadway, Redwood City, CA 94063 FREE Admission 650-780-7311 or <a href="http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/kidchella.html">http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/kidchella.html</a>

Kidchella Music Series - Andy Z and the Andyland Band 11am-1pm, Sunday, August 18 Courthouse Square 2200 Broadway, Redwood City, CA 94063 FREE Admission 650-780-7311 or http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/kidchella.html

Kidchella Music Series – The Hipwaders 11am-1pm, Sunday, September 15 Courthouse Square 2200 Broadway, Redwood City, CA 94063 FREE Admission 650-780-7311 or http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/kidchella.html

### Other Events in Redwood City's 2013 Summer Series

Along with Kidchella, other exciting FREE outdoor events include: Movies on the Square on Thursdays, Music on the Square on Fridays, Classical Concerts, Shakespeare in the Park, Music in the Park, along with special outdoor exhibits featuring Art on the Square.

Full details at <a href="http://www.RedwoodCityEvents.com">http://www.RedwoodCityEvents.com</a>

These free events, running four months through the spring, summer, and fall, are sponsored 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 Shops On Broadway, Budlight / Shiner Wild Hare Ale, Downtown Business Group, Peninsula Infiniti, Redwood General Tire, Sakura Teppanyaki & Sushi, San Mateo Credit Union, Rocket Fuel, Kaiser, Fox Theater, and La Honda Winery for their generous contributions to Music on the Square.

The Redwood City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department provides recreational facilities, activities and well-maintained parks and open spaces for all ages and interests. 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 <a href="https://www.redwoodcity.org/parks">www.redwoodcity.org/parks</a>.

Visit Redwood City's award-winning website at <a href="www.redwoodcity.org">www.redwoodcity.org</a> for information about the City and its services, the community, recreation programs, education, and local business. Subscribe to Redwood City's email newsletter or other documents by visiting <a href="www.redwoodcity.org/egov">www.redwoodcity.org/egov</a>.

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