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FREE SUMMER FESTIVAL RETURNS TO AMPHITHEATRE

Following the success of last year's Canada 150 Summer Concert Series, the Township of Langley is presenting a **2018 Summer Festival Series**.

During the months of July and August, a different act will be featured one evening each week at the amphitheatre in Willoughby Community Park, a unique outdoor stage with tiered grass seating, located in the 7700 Block of 202A Street, next to the Langley Events Centre. All performances are free and begin at 7:00pm. Audience members are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair, and all ages are welcome to the family-friendly presentations.

"Last year's inaugural concert series was such an overwhelming success that it is back by popular demand," said Township of Langley Director of Arts, Culture, and Community Initiatives Peter Tulumello. "What better way to spend the summer than being outdoors in the company of family and friends, and enjoying a great mix of entertainment provided by a variety of gifted singers, musicians, and performers?"

"There is so much talent here in Langley and from the surrounding region, that a festival series is an excellent opportunity to showcase it," added Peter Luongo, the Festival's co-organizer and a proponent for arts and culture in the community. "This year's line-up includes a diverse mix of musical genres, along with a night of improv comedy, and promises to be highly entertaining. It is the perfect way to celebrate summer and utilize this wonderful new facility."

Free evening performances that will be held once a week at the Willoughby amphitheatre include:

Thursday, July 5: Blues guitarist Jimmy D. Lane
Thursday, July 12: Young prodigy jazz singer Maya Rae
Wednesday, July 18: World-renowned Korean percussion/instrumental band Noreum Machi
Thursday, July 26: Langley's own danceable folk pop duo The Kwerks
Thursday, August 2: Alternative rock band Her Brothers
Thursday, August 9: Funk/soul/jazz/Afrobeat band Coco Jafro
Thursday, August 16: Folk-roots duo Flint and Feather
Thursday, August 23: Improv comedy company Vancouver Theatresports
Thursday, August 30: Celtic roots band Tiller's Folly

The Series also includes a bonus concert to be held in conjunction with the Fort Langley Jazz and Arts Festival on Saturday, July 28 at 1:00pm, when acoustic gypsy-jazz ensemble Van Django takes the stage at the Fort Langley Community Hall.

"We are delighted to align the Summer Festival Series with this recently launched weekend festival in Fort Langley by sponsoring one of its many impressive acts," Tulumello said. "Van Django will contribute to making this new festival a huge and popular success in the Township."

Both the Langley Times newspaper and Long & McQuade Musical Instruments are back on board sponsoring the Summer Festival Series at the amphitheatre.

For more information, visit tol.ca/events.

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