



Celebrate the Spirit of Summer with Lunchtime Concerts in the Square

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — This summer, spend your lunch break enjoying a variety of live music at the City of Victoria's annual *Spirit of Summer in the Square* festivities. Free lunchtime concerts will be featured in Centennial Square on weekdays in July and August, and early September from noon – 1 p.m. There's something for everyone, from folk and jazz to classical and swing.

What: Spirit of Summer in the Square Lunchtime Concert Series
When: Monday – Friday, from noon – 1 p.m., from July 13 - September 4, 2009
Where: Centennial Square (corner of Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue)

Centennial Square is being revitalized to make it more inviting to the general public and increase opportunities for celebrations and events. Improvements will include two Spirit Poles known as the "Two Brothers" that will serve as a gateway to Spirit Square; Spirit Beach, a turn-key performance stage to host small and medium size performances, a drinking water feature in the shape of a First Nations inspired ladle, and a sustainable garden of native species. An opening ceremony will be held Thursday, July 23, 2009 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and all are welcome.

The City of Victoria is pleased to present the *Spirit of Summer in the Square Lunchtime Concert Series* in partnership with the Downtown Victoria Business Association, with the support of the Music Performance Fund and Local 247 American Federation of Musicians.

For more information, call the *Spirit of Summer in the Square* hotline at 250.361.0388 or visit: www.victoria.ca and click on *What's New?*

Please note: All concerts are rain or shine and subject to change.

Attachment: Detailed Concert Listing

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2009 Spirit of Summer in the Square Lunchtime Concert Series – July

Monday to Friday, Noon - 1 p.m.
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FREE Concerts – Everyone Welcome

July

13	Mon	Janalee & Canus Trio – Jazz Standards
14	Tues	Take Five – Jazz Standards
15	Wed	The Two Timers – Jazz Standards & Blues
16	Thurs	Maria Manna Four – Jazz Standards
17	Fri	Gypsy Rovers – European Folk
20	Mon	One 2 Mary -
21	Tues	Flying Saucers – Jazz Standards & Blues
22	Wed	The Ecclestons – Ethnic & Folk
23	Thurs	Peter Dent Trio – Jazz Standards
24	Fri	Twango - Swing
27	Mon	Bram Brata – Caribbean Ethnic
28	Tues	Scott White Jazz Ensemble – Jazz Standards
29	Wed	Rainer Roth Sax Quartet - Variety
30	Thurs	Paul Wainright Band – Variety
31	Fri	Ben Sures – Folk

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August

3 stat	Mon	No Concert
4	Tues	Raven Borque - Variety
5	Wed	The Stomp Club - Ethnic
6	Thurs	John Miller Quartet –Jazz Standards
7	Fri	Tango Fest (11:30–1:30 pm)
10	Mon	Quoia – Coastal Groove
11	Tues	Victoria Symphony Winds
12	Wed	Hot Velvet Jazz Band – Jazz Standards
13	Thurs	Three of a Kind - Blues
14	Fri	Kennedys – Jazz/Folk
17	Mon	Al Pease Quartet – Jazz Standards
18	Tues	Kalissa Hernandez Group - Folk
19	Wed	LTD Three – Jazz Standards
20	Thurs	James Young Quinet – Jazz - Contemporary
21	Fri	Elephant Island – Folk/Jazz
24	Mon	Shades of Shearing – Jazz Standards
25	Tues	New Orleans Express – Jazz - Traditional
26	Wed	The Kingmixers – Blues/Swing
27	Thurs	The Kingmixers - Blues/Swing
28	Fri	Cookeilidh – Celtic Music
31	Mon	Rag Time Trio – Jazz - Traditional

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September

1	Tues	Story of the Blues - Blues
2	Wed	Flora Scott Quinet – Jazz Standards
3	Thurs	Cynthia Davis Quartet – Jazz Standards
4	Fri	Sounds of India - Ethnic

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