

Save the Dates for Union County's 59th Annual Summer Arts Outdoor Music Festival and Rhythm & Blues by the Brook



Union County, NJ - The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is pleased to announce that the acclaimed New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, conducted by José Luis Domínguez, will lead off Union County's 59th annual Summer Arts Festival series of free outdoor entertainment sponsored by the Freeholder Board, with a performance on Friday June 21 at 7:30 p.m., at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

Concertgoers will be treated to a musical tour of the Americas with works by Leonard Bernstein, José Pablo Moncayo, Astor Piazzolla, Florence Price, Duke Ellington and George Gershwin. Rounding out the program are Arturo Márquez's *Conga del Fuego Nuevo*, Aaron Copland's classic "Hoe Down" from *Rodeo*, hits from *West Side Story* and *Porgy and Bess*, and more.

"Outdoor concerts are a beloved Union County tradition," said Freeholder Chair Bette Jane Kowalski. "We look forward to another eventful summer, and NJSO's choice of popular hits from the heritage of the Americas is a reminder of the cultural ties we enjoy sharing with family, friends and neighbors."

Attendees are also invited to bring a mat or beach towel and join in a free Union County Get Fit Yoga program beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Union County's free summer entertainment schedule begins this year on Saturday, June 1 with the annual Rhythm and Blues by the Brook festival, an afternoon of nonstop music and family fun at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield from noon to 6:00 p.m.

The Union County Summer Arts Festival series with Get Fit Yoga will be held at Echo Lake Park on Wednesday nights, July 10, 17, 24, and 31.

In August the series moves to Oak Ridge Park in Clark on Wednesday nights, August 7, 14, 21, and 28.

All Summer Arts shows begin at 7:30 p.m. and include free Union County Get Fit Yoga programs beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Artists for Rhythm and Blues by the Book and the Summer Arts series will be announced shortly.

For more details on the Summer Arts series, the Family Flix free outdoor movie series, and more summer activities in Union County Parks visit ucnj.org/calendar or call the Parks Department at 908-527-4900.

For more information about the New Jersey Symphony orchestra visit njsymphony.org.

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