



**LEVITT PAVILION BENEFIT CONCERT FEATURES AMBROSIA, JOHN FORD COLEY,
AND PETER BECKETT “THE VOICE OF PLAYER”**

Levitt Pavilion Dayton raises money for their 2020 season of FREE concerts with a Benefit Concert

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Dayton, Ohio (August 28, 2019) – On September 26th, the Levitt Dayton will hold its first ticketed benefit concert as a fundraiser to help support the annual free concert season. The benefit concert features Ambrosia with John Ford Coley and Peter Beckett “The Voice of Player”. Tickets begin at \$45 and are sale now through Eventbrite at LevittDayton.org.

Each summer, the Levitt Pavilion Dayton presents at least 50 free family-friendly concerts with an expected reach annually to over 50,000 individuals of all ages and backgrounds in the Dayton region. While these concerts are free to the public, they are not free to produce. The Levitt Pavilion fundraises throughout the year in a variety of different ways. One of these ways being ticketed benefit concerts. Each free concert on average costs \$7,000 to produce. This includes artist fees, state of the art sound and lighting equipment, professional production crew, and various operational costs. All proceeds from the benefit concert go directly to support the Levitt Pavilion’s mission of building community through music, one free concert at a time.

“We are very grateful to our generous sponsors and individual donors that help to make music accessible for all each summer at Levitt Dayton. While many non-profits do a variety of events, including galas or luncheons, to raise awareness and money, we thought a benefit concert would showcase what we do best,” said Lisa Wagner, Executive Director.

Between Ambrosia, John Ford Coley, and Peter Beckett they have a total of 26 top 10 songs including “How Much I Feel”, “Biggest Part of Me”, “I’d Really Love to See You Tonight”, and “Baby Come Back”. With three of the four original members intact plus the addition of Ken Stacey on acoustic guitar and lead vocals, Mary Harris on keys and vocals, and the Doug Jackson on electric guitar and vocals, Ambrosia is well into the recording of a new CD and continues to tour throughout the world.

In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to the Masonic Center.

Media is welcome at all concerts at the Levitt Pavilion Dayton. Please contact Madeline Hart at madeline@levittdayton.org if you would like to set up interviews with staff or board members.

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Friends of Levitt Pavilion Dayton is the non-profit that manages, programs and fundraises for the new Levitt Pavilion. Levitt Pavilion Dayton is reinvigorating Dayton’s urban core by reactivating Dave Hall Plaza, which in turn inspires people’s health, happiness, and well-being by offering enjoyable

experiences through a rich spectrum of music genres. The venue also provides access to high quality cultural and educational experiences for all audiences from our community. Levitt Pavilion Dayton presents 50 free family-friendly concerts with an expected reach annually to over 50,000 individuals of all ages and backgrounds in the Dayton region. As the only free major outdoor performance space in Dayton, we provide access to all, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, or socioeconomic status. www.levittdayton.org

The Jack W. and Sally D. Eichelberger Foundation was established in 2006 by Jack and Sally Eichelberger, longtime Oakwood residents, to enhance the legal profession, the arts and the Greater Dayton community through the awarding of grants. Jack Eichelberger was a well-known Dayton attorney and real estate investor.

Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation is a national foundation that exists to strengthen the social fabric of America. Through its support of creative placemaking, the Levitt Foundation empowers communities to transform underused public spaces into welcoming destinations where the power of free, live music brings people together and invigorates community life. <http://levitt.org/>

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