



2019 EICHELBERGER CONCERT SEASON LAUNCH AT LEVITT DAYTON

The season of more than 50 free concerts begins May 30th

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Dayton, Ohio (May 16, 2018) – The first full season at the Levitt Pavilion Dayton launches with lively R&B group, The New Respects at 7 PM on May 30th sponsored by Dayton International Airport. This concert begins with a special performance by the Trotwood-Madison marching band at 6:45 PM and Apollo LTD will open for The New Respects at 7 PM.

The opening weekend will continue with the kick-off of Dayton PRIDE weekend on Friday, May 31st at 7 PM. The Dayton Gay Men’s Chorus and the Rubi Girls will open at 6:30 PM for the headliner of the night, pop duo REYNA sponsored by PNC.

The first of sixteen weekends will wrap up with Cincinnati salsa sensation, Son Del Caribe on Saturday, June 1st at 7 PM sponsored by Cox Media Group. Audiences can enjoy a free salsa lesson with DayTON1 Salsa at 6 PM to get ready to move during the concert!

“Building on the success of our first season we look forward to more than 50 free concerts this summer and seeing new and familiar faces on the lawn,” Lisa Wagner said.

Last year, in its inaugural season, the Levitt Pavilion Dayton saw almost 26,000 people from over 67 zip codes attend 33 concerts in 59 days. This year marks the first full season of over 50 FREE concerts and runs from May 30th to September 21st. Concerts occur every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and the third Sunday of every month. Audiences can look forward to over 10 different genres including R&B, funk, country, blues, classical, hip-hop and jazz as well as a FREE movie night as part of the PNC family series. The entire lineup of 53 events can be found at levittdayton.org.

After the season is complete, on September 26th, the Levitt Dayton will hold a 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 go on sale to the public on May 30th!

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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