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Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center Presenting its Biggest Season Yet for 2023: The Year of MORE

Learn More about Little River Band, Juneteenth, Talcott Mountain Music Festival, Dance Fundraiser, Brewstock, Family Fun with Disney Tribute Band Little Mermen and Circus Smirkus at new website www.simsburymeadows.org

SIMSBURY, Conn. (April 19, 2023) – The 2023 season at Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center will be its biggest yet, with performances by chart-topping artist Little River Band with opener Jason Ingriselli and The Miles North Band, family fun with the Ultimate Disney Tribute Band - The Little Mermen and the return of the popular Circus Smirkus, and the 5-concert Talcott Mountain Music Festival with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra.

Simsbury Meadows' season also includes a 4-town Juneteenth Celebration, a Dancing Under the Stars fundraiser featuring the Clark Eno Orchestra, the US Coast Guard Band, and Brewstock, featuring craft beer and artists Doug Wimbish of Living Colour & Raghav Mehrotra, Organized Chaos, and Jeffrey John Band. Other major events are returning in 2023, including the UConn Health Half Marathon, Walk MS Simsbury, the Simsbury Junior Woman's Club Arts & Crafts Festival, Donny's Dash, and the Favarh benefit concert, Mike DeGuldice - The Music of Billy Joel (And Much More) Under the Stars. The full schedule is online at Simsbury Meadows' new website, www.simsburymeadows.org, where you can get more information, buy tickets, sign up for emails, and follow links to social media.

"As a not-for-profit organization, bringing in big names and events is a big undertaking, but it's more than worth it to give our patrons the kind of entertainment they've been asking for," said Missy DiNunno, executive director for Simsbury Meadows. "We are looking forward to an amazing season of more events, more music, and more fun at the stage that's more than a stage!"

Voted Best Place for Live Music in the 2023 Best of Hartford Awards and Best Concert Venue first runner up in 2022 and 2021, Simsbury Meadows sees over 40,000 patrons each season from April to November. Simsbury Meadows relies on volunteers to bring entertainment to our stage and field – find out how to get involved at www.simsburymeadows.org/volunteer

Thanks and gratitude to our 2023 sponsors who've already signed on to support Simsbury Meadows this season: Liberty Bank, Garrity Asphalt Reclaiming, Northwest Community Bank, McLean

Retirement Community, Mintz+Hoke, Nelson Construction, and Webber, Meyers & Sappington, LLC. Learn more about sponsoring at Simsbury Meadows at www.simsburymeadows.org/sponsor

Here's a look at some of our Simsbury Meadows 2023 events:

Farmington River Community Jam, Sunday, May 7, 1 p.m. A FREE community music jam session for all ages and all abilities! Acoustic artists and vocalists are encouraged to participate.

Disney Sing-Along with The Little Mermen - The Ultimate Tribute Band Saturday, June 10, two shows, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. The Little Mermen are the ultimate Disney tribute concert for Disney fanatics of all ages. The band's repertoire covers nearly a century of musical canon, including favorites from The Little Mermaid, Mary Poppins, Frozen, and Encanto. The group performs in full costume with band members dressing up as characters from the films and encourages the audience to do the same.

Juneteenth Celebration hosted by Avon, Canton, Farmington, & Simsbury, Saturday, June 17, 12 p.m. Come celebrate diversity, culture, and inclusion at this FREE community event hosted by the towns of Simsbury, Avon, Farmington, and Canton and featuring performances by Nekita Waller, Damian Curtis Afro Cuban Jazz Project, Magic Soul Academy, and FriendZWorldMusic. Guests may bring their own picnic lunch and join friends and community members at "The Longest Table."

The Little River Band plus Jason Ingriselli and The Miles North, Thursday, June 22, 7 p.m. Multi-platinum, chart-topping artists Little River Band takes the Simsbury Meadows stage! With worldwide album sales topping \$30 million, Little River Band is the first band to ever have Top 10 hits for 6 consecutive years, like "Reminiscing," "Cool Change," "The Other Guy," "Lonesome Loser," "The Night Owls," and more. Opening act is New England country artist Jason Ingriselli and The Miles North.

U.S. Coast Guard Full Band, Friday, June 23, 6:00 p.m.

Pack a picnic, bring your own seating or blanket for the lawn, and join us at this FREE community event! The United States Coast Guard Band is a 55-member ensemble that performs a broad spectrum of music, from wind ensemble classics to swinging jazz charts.

The Talcott Mountain Music Festival with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, June 30, July 7, July 14, July 21, and July 28.

The Talcott Mountain Music Festival's 27th season kicks off with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra performing 5 concerts.

- ***Celebrate America! Friday, June 30.*** Your patriotic favorites followed by fireworks! Rain date: July 1.
- ***Music of ABBA.*** Friday, July 7.
- ***Broadway Hits.*** Friday, July 14.
- ***Music of the Eagles.*** Friday, July 21.
- ***Serpentine Fire - The Music of Earth, Wind & Fire.*** Friday, July 28. Rain date: July 29.

United States Coast Guard Traditional Jazz Band, Sunday, July 16, 2 p.m.

Bring your own picnic, chairs or blankets, and enjoy this FREE concert! The United States Coast Guard Traditional Jazz Band was organized in 1970 to perform classic jazz, blues, and rags with a "New Orleans" flavor.

CIRCUS SMIRKUS Big Top Returns! Tuesday and Wednesday, August 1 & 2, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Family fun returns to the field with 4 shows over 2 days. Enter an enchanted forest and let your

imagination run away with the circus! Circus Smirkus brings magic and mayhem, love and chaos to the big top with the 2023 Big Top Tour: A Midsummer Night's Circus. A cast of thirty talented youth get entangled in the dream-like woods where sprites contort in the trees and fairies fly through the air.

Brewstock featuring WimBash Sound System with Doug Wimbish (of Living Colour) & Raghav Mehrotra, w/ special guests Organized Chaos & Jeffrey John Band, Saturday, August 5, 1 p.m.

Live music and craft beers from some of our state's best craft breweries! Enjoy an amazing concert experience featuring WimBash Sound System with Doug Wimbish (of Living Colour) and Raghav Mehrotra (Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's School of Rock, the Musical on Broadway) plus special guests Organized Chaos and Jeffrey John Band while tasting local beers and meeting the brewmasters.

Dancing Under the Stars: Thursday, August 10, 6:00 p.m. Join us and the renowned Clark Eno Orchestra at the hottest fundraising event this summer, benefiting Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center. Tickets include live music and catered dining under the stars; there will be a bar on site for beverage purchases. Bring your dancing shoes! Rain date: August 11.

The Nutmeg Ukulele Festival at Eno Hall: Saturday, September 9, 8 a.m. Aloha! 2022's inaugural Ukulele Festival received such great reviews, we are bringing it back with new teaching artists for 2023! There will be a silent auction for some great items, vendors, a question-and-answer session with the artists, and lunch is included in ticket cost!

The full schedule with all events is online at www.simsburymeadows.org

ABOUT SIMSBURY MEADOWS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER:

The Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center is a state-of-the-art venue located in the heart of downtown Simsbury, 22 Iron Horse Blvd. Comfortably situated in the scenic Farmington Valley, mid-way between Hartford and Litchfield, Simsbury Meadows is the state's second-largest outdoor venue, with a capacity of 10,000. Summer home to the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, the venue features world-class performances in classical music, pop, country, and jazz, as well as family programming, festivals, athletic events, races, and markets. The Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center, Inc. is a 501c-3 non-profit organization affiliated with the Town of Simsbury. More information and ticket purchase links can be found at www.simsburymeadows.org

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