

2017 SUMMER AMPHITHEATER PROGRAM SERIES

LOCATION: Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater, 2632 Ada Road, Lima, OH
(In case of rain the program will be held in the McElroy Environmental Education Center located at 2355 Ada Rd., Lima, OH)



May

KARAOKE IN THE PARK!

Sat., May 27 - 7 p.m. - Join local DJ, Jeff Houston as he provides the music and you provide the vocals! It doesn't matter if you're a trained professional or a "shower soprano" it's the perfect place to sing the latest songs with your own flair. Perfect for families.



June

NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTE, JANICE SUNFLOWER

Sat., June 3 - 7 p.m. - Join Janice as she creates a Native American experience you won't forget. Along with her harmonious and calming flute tones she brings many hands-on Native artifacts and presents an educational program on the Indian way of life. CD's will be available for purchase.



www.sunflowertones.net

MR. PUPPET

Sat., June 10 - 7 p.m. - Hot off his "Unplugged Ohio Amish Tour" and back by popular demand is the world-famous, hilarious, hysterical, ventriloquist, puppeteer, comedian-- Mr. Puppet! His fast-paced, action-packed show will have you rolling in the aisles. Family friendly entertainment at its finest. www.mrpuppet.com



FULL SOUND CHAMBER GROUP

Sat., June 17 - 7 p.m. - Sit back and relax to classical music under the evening sky as we introduce the string quintet, Full Sound Chamber Group. The five Loritsch brothers form the string quintet of 2 violins, a viola, cello, and a double-bass. These highly trained and equally talented musicians play a variety of venues throughout the year and we are extremely blessed to have them to play for us in the beauty of our outdoor amphitheater. www.fullsoundchambergroup.com



GUITAR MUSINGS OF GARY SANING

Sat., June 24 - 7 p.m. - local singer, songwriter, author, producer and musician, Gary Sanning will be playing his favorite songs for you. With his roots based in 70's rock, he incorporates the songs of the Beatles, the Eagles, Bob Dylan and praise and worship music to present an eclectic mix for your listening pleasure.



July

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF . . . A PARK RANGER

Sat., July 1 - 7 p.m. - Join Chief Ranger, Richard Kimmel and his staff as they present the rigors and routines of their job. These are the folks that make sure you feel safe in every park. They have many unique responsibilities and duties. Cruisers and equipment will be available to view.

TED YODER, HAMMERED DULCIMER

Sat., July 8 - 7 p.m. - Viral YouTube sensation, Ted Yoder will bring his "yoderization" of classic Beatles and Eagles songs on the hammered dulcimer. This nationally known dulcimer champion is a talented singer-songwriter and has plenty of original compositions in his musical arsenal along with his version of the song that broke the internet (with over 92 million views on YouTube); Tears for Fears, "Everybody Wants to Rule the World". When he plays live, everybody becomes his fans (Ted-Heads). www.tedyoder.com



INDIANA WILD

Sat., July 15 - 7 p.m. - Inspiring conservation through a combination of education and entertainment, Indiana Wild presents a high-quality live animal show with plenty of audience participation. Will they bring mammals, birds, reptiles, or insects? The answer is all of the above. You can get up close and personal with all of these program animals. Bring your camera and be ready to take plenty of photos. www.indianawild.org



MUSIC OF THE CIVIL WAR

Sat., July 22 - 7 p.m. - Steve Ball has spent years researching the life and songs of Stephen Foster. Foster was a prolific songwriter and is often referred to, "the Father of American Music". A sampling of his songs include; "Camptown Races". "My Old Kentucky Home", and "Beautiful Dreamer". Steve and his trusty vintage 1860 Martin 2-20 guitar have never failed to hold all in attendance spell-bound. steveballcivilwarmusic.com



LITTLE HOG CREEK DULCIMERS

Sat., July 29 - 7 p.m. - A perennial crowd favorite, this home-spun dulcimer group plays whimsical and gospel tunes on their hammered and mountain dulcimers. Peaceful tunes under the twilight summer sky.



August

SONGS AND TAILS FROM THE WOODS

Sat., Aug. 5 - 7 p.m. Sam Sapp and Sarah Matheny will present their popular fun, entertaining and educational nature program. Following a dream after retirement, Sam began his second career as a singer, songwriter and OCVN. Sarah is a freelance naturalist. Together they bring Songs and Tails from Woods. www.sammytunes.com



HOME GROWN GRASS

Sat., Aug. 12 - 7 p.m. - Nothing screams American music more than some well-played bluegrass music. Join these local good ol' boys having fun playing all the standards of Bill Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs.



TEDDY ROOSEVELT & THE NAT'L PARK SERVICE

Sat., Aug. 19 - 7 p.m. - Celebrate the 101st year of the beginnings of the National Park Service. Dressed as "T.R." in 1903 when he visited Yosemite with John Muir, Larry Marple presents his program in first person AS Teddy Roosevelt! Learn how TR felt about conservation and preservation throughout his life, how his family felt about it, and how he saved more than 200 million acres of land for future generations to enjoy. www.troosevelt1904.com



SPITTIN' IMAGE

Sat., Aug. 26 - 7 p.m. - Identical twins, Blain and Brian have created a high-quality musical and comedy duo performance that will end our summer series with a WOW! Interweaving wonderful vocal ability with excellent musicianship, Brian and Blain mix it all with comedy, audience participation, and a high energy show. This is a show NOT to be missed.



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