

Redlands Bowl announces Summer Music Festival lineup

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Fireworks finale featuring the Redlands Symphony Orchestra (Aug. 19)

REDLANDS >> The music of Gershwin will help set the mood of the 2016 [Redlands Bowl Summer Music Festival](#), as the San Bernardino Symphony tackles the composer's work to kick off the season June 24.

The Redlands Community Music Association announced the festival's lineup Thursday night during its annual dinner at the Redlands Country Club.

The new season — the Bowl's 93rd — continues on select dates through Aug. 19 with performances suitable for all ages and a few surprises along the way.

"We're always looking for things that are new and different and (acts) that the community would like to see," said Beverly Noerr, executive director of the Bowl. "We are anchored with the classics and always want to have good symphonic programs, but we are always looking for new things."

Following the San Bernardino Symphony's Gershwin Spectacular, the winners of the 2016 Young Artists Auditions perform June 28, while Navy Band Southwest takes over the Bowl stage July 1.

Other performances include An Evening with Bernstein & Sondheim with Frank Fetta (July 8); A Tribute to Benny Goodman Live at Carnegie Hall (July 12); a cappella group M-Pact (July 19); Redlands Symphony Orchestra (July 22); Herencia de Timbiqui (Aug. 2); James Garner's Tribute to Johnny Cash (Aug. 5); Bria Skonberg (Aug. 9); An Evening of Opera (Aug. 12); and Kahulanui (Aug. 16).

A fireworks finale featuring the Redlands Symphony Orchestra ends the season Aug. 19.

Rhythmic Circus returns to the Bowl for another multi-night engagement July 15 and 16.

“This is my 15th season with the Bowl and I can tell you it has been one of the most requested programs to come back,” Noerr said. “(Rhythmic Circus) loves the Bowl audience. Their performance was good all the way around.”

The acts join the already announced summer musical “Oklahoma!” co-produced by Nathan Prince and Steve Simons. Performances take place July 26 (dress rehearsal) and 28-31.

“We have some really cool surprises in store,” said Prince. “It will be a lot of fun.”

Grace Stewart Mullen founded the RCMA in 1923, with the first season of the Summer Music Festival taking place a year later. The mission of the RCMA is to “foster, cultivate and promote cultural needs of the city of Redlands and vicinity by presenting a variety of programs that would enrich the lives of the audience” through the arts, according to its website.

Performances take place at 8 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

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“Our founder believed that music was for everyone and that’s a value we embrace and live by in the Bowl family,” she said. “Come spend your summer with us. Come and enjoy evenings we have to offer. Bring your family, bring your friends and be with your community and enjoy some amazing music.”

Additional highlights at Thursday’s dinner included the [RCMA’s tribute to its “Heroes of the Arts,”](#) former Redlands Unified School District music teachers Jeff Apmadoc and Ken Tuttle. Both men retired from their positions in the district at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

[Apmadoc is the former director of the district’s elementary bands program, while Tuttle is Redlands High School’s former choral director.](#)

To learn more, go to redlandsbowl.org.