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Public can enjoy live music among soaring redwoods during concert series

Oakland, Calif. –The 10th annual Sundays in the Redwoods outdoor concert series offers a musical tour in the enchanting redwoods over the span of four Sundays. The concerts are hosted by Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) at the Woodminster Amphitheater located in Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road. The series kicks off on Sunday, September 20 with “Magic in the Music” featuring congo player Poncho Sanchez and concludes on October 11 with “The Rhythm Section” headliners En Vogue and ConFunkShun. All musical entertainment begins at 2 p.m.

“The beloved Sundays in the Redwoods concerts reach the hearts and souls of the Oakland community,” said OPR Director Audree V. Jones-Taylor. “Besides creating a magical setting, the soaring redwood trees help provide some of the best acoustics in Oakland.”

As a prelude, OPR will offer an afternoon of symphonic jazz with world renowned John Handy, the Oakland Easy Bay Symphony and Grammy-award winning artist Robert Glasper at “Symphony Sunday: A Jazz Experience” on September 13 at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue.

The full concert series lineup at Woodminster Amphitheater includes:

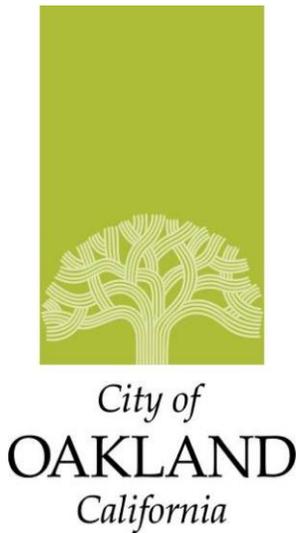
- Sunday, September 20 – “Magic in the Music” featuring Poncho Sanchez, Tizer Quartet, the Funky Latin Orchestra and Eric Marienthal
- Sunday, September 27 – “Talking All That Jazz” featuring Gerald Albright, Maysa, Destiny Muhammad Trio and Blu J’z
- Sunday, October 4 – “Soul is Key” featuring Dwele, Bilal and Kindred the Family Soul
- Sunday, October 11 – “The Rhythm Section” featuring ConFunkShun, En Vogue and Roy McCoy.

OPR staff has worked diligently to provide a spectacular experience year after year, exposing Oaklanders to OPR assets and Oakland’s hidden treasures. Sundays in the Redwoods is one of the ways OPR reconnects the community with all Oakland has to offer.

Sundays in the Redwoods began in 2005 as a “Four Flavors of Jazz” series benefiting the Katrina Victims with 600 music goers and has grown to sell out a whole series.

General Admission tickets for all five concerts are available for \$25 per person per show and may be purchased online at sundaysintheredwoods.com. If a concert has not sold out, tickets will be available at the door for \$30. Concert proceeds benefit recreation programming.

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