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## Musical Saturday in the Park

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Photo Andy Scheck

music students in their teens.

Not only do the Rotarians host the show, they also built the stage where the musicians will be playing. In years past, the hard working volunteers would construct and take down a temporary stage to put on the event. After many years, it became unsustainable, so Rotary members looked for a more long-term solution that could also be used by the public. Community support at concerts also helped fund the construction of the new permanent stage.

Performing this year with the Stanley Band are invited guests from Oakland's Westlake Middle School Band, the Acalanes High School Jazz Ensemble, the Bentley Jazz Ensemble, and the Dominant Seven Jazz Combo. Together they will provide music from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. What's music without dancing? Back again this year: the Lamorinda Theatre Academy Dancers and the Town Hall Theatre Troupe.

Organizers thought of everything. The stage is adjacent to a shady picnic area on the east side of the reservoir, and for those who may need a little help getting from the parking lot to the venue about 150 feet away up a slight incline, golf cart rides are available, along with comfortable chairs set up near the stage.

Don't miss the best free concert that gives back to the community this weekend in Lamorinda. How often do you get to double dip - enjoy the show while supporting local music programs via a Popsicle or a raffle ticket. It's a family-friendly win-win.

Those community-minded Rotarians are at it again. This Saturday, May 9 they will be showcasing the talents of local musicians at the Lafayette Reservoir stage in an effort to raise money to support Lamorinda and Bay Area schools with new instruments for their music programs. What better way to spend a Saturday than enjoying complimentary music, surrounded by nature while enjoying a frozen treat or burger?

The annual Concert at the Res, now in its 24th year, was conceived by longtime resident and Rotary member Dick Holt, who is proud of "Lafayette's great reputation for supporting the music community." The fundraiser party hosts musicians young and old, from junior high students in Stanley Middle School's Symphonic Band to the legendary Big Band of Rossmoor that features the talents of senior members like Frank Como and

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