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Free concerts to rock Lamorinda this summer

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Some dancing at a concert last year at Moraga Commons. Photo A. Scheck

It's free concert season in Lamorinda. Here is a list of what you'll hear this summer at different city venues.

Lafayette

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love at the Rock the Plaza concerts on Fridays throughout June.

June 2: San Francisco Airship

June 9: Shakey Zimmerman

June 16: Dream Posse

June 23: Barry "The Fish" Melton and his band.

Music begins at 6:30 p.m. The '60s inspired "Hippie Market" along Plaza Way opens at 6 p.m.

Stay late to jam! The Acoustic Hootenanny around the campfire begins at 8:30 p.m., with special guests, including Lafayette's own Stevie Coyle (The Waybacks), playing folk songs. Bring your guitar.

Moraga

Thursday evenings at the Commons are for relaxing with friends and enjoying the bands. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs to the grassy hillside in front of the band shell. The volunteers of MPF will cook dinner for you with the Snack Bar opening at 6 p.m.

June 22 Floorshakers - Fun, soul, rock& roll

June 29 Spill the Wine - Jackson 5 to Maroon 5

July 4 David Martins House Party - Dance party and show

(7 p.m. concert)

July 13 Foreverland -Tribute to Michael Jackson

July 20 Beatles Flashback - Tribute the Beatles

July 27 Mixed Nuts - Jazz, soul, blues and rock

August 3 House Rockers - Rock and soul

August 10 Apple Z - Rock and roll

August 17 Fundamentals - Red-hot rockin' soul

The County Food Bank will have collection bins near parking lots each Thursday. Concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

The concerts are sponsored byThe Bruzzone Family, Republic Services , Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley, Moraga Junior Women's Club and 5-A Rent A Space

Orinda

It's time to sit back and unwind at the free summer concerts at the park series on Tuesday nights.

June 13, Lucky Losers - Contemporary Blues

Food Truck: El Ranchero (taco truck)

June 20, Juke Joint - Classic Soul

Food Truck: Pia's Pizza

June 27, Fog City Swampers - Classic Rock & Roll

Food Truck: An the Go (Asian Fusion)

July 11 Floorshakers - Funk Soul, Rock & Roll

Food Truck: Kenny's Heart & Soul (Soul Food)

July 18 Lamorinda Idol

Food Truck: Pia's Pizza

July 23, Opera in the Park, 5-7 p.m.

July 25, Bruce Gunn & Big Rain - Soulful Rock Country

Food Truck: El Ranchero (taco truck)

August 1, JetBlacq - Jazz

Food Truck: Rebel Dog Hotdogs

August 8, West Grand Blvd - Motown

Food Truck: An the Go (Asian Fusion)

August 15, Big Band Jazz

Food Truck: Kenny's Heart & Soul (Soul Food)

The concerts run 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Orinda Community Center Auxiliary and the Rotary Club of Orinda, and supported by the Orinda Parks and Recreation Foundation, Orinda Community Foundation and City of Orinda.

Also coming up in Orinda this summer:

The Orinda Village Starlight Players have three plays at the Orinda Community Park this summer:

Agatha Christie's "The Unexpected Guest" June 2 through July 1

Malcolm Cowler's adaptation of L. Frank Baum's "The Wizard of Oz," July 21 through Aug. 12

Robert Merrill's "Five-Door Farce," Sept. 1 through Sept. 30

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