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Kid Size Concerts at the Commons - for the young and young-at-heart

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Musician Andy Z entertains pint-sized concert-goers on July 29. Photo Vera Kochan

Adults have the Summer Concert Series to look forward to every year. Shrink the dimensions and the average age of the audience by a couple of decades, and you have A Kid Size Concert Series also held at the Moraga Commons Bandshell.

Held one Saturday in June, July and August, the free 11 a.m. shows are geared to entertain toddlers through kids aged 5, who love to sing along and move to the groove. June's award-winning musical artist was Megan Schoenbohm, who specializes in "earthy, edgy, high vibe indie-style family music." July's show featured Andy Z, also an artist with many awards to his name, as well as a following of 280,000 listeners on Pandora Radio, who's been entertaining kids for 21 years. Coming up in August, the last show of the summer will feature Mr. Elephant who typically uses puppets while performing "original family-friendly songs, with styles ranging from rock to reggae, from beats to bossa nova."

A Kid Size Concert Series is yet another event presented by the Parks and Recreation Department that's meant to provide wholesome entertainment for Moraga and its guests. "It's nice to be doing this for the young families in town," stated Recreation Supervisor Jasmine Bateson.

According to Bateson, the attendance for June's show was approximately 300 musical revelers.

The recent Andy Z concert attracted nearly as many concert-goers to his "music, movement, storytelling, and character puppet show" that encouraged audience participation.

So, bring your picnic blankets, snacks and boogie shoes to the last remaining concert on Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. Oh, and don't forget your kids!

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