

2018 SUMMER AMPHITHEATER PROGRAM SERIES



FREE LOCATION: Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater
2632 Ada Road, Lima, OH
(In case of rain the program will be held in the McElroy Environmental Education Center located at 2355 Ada Rd., Lima, OH)

June

MEET THE B.E.E.T.L.E.

Sat., June 2 - 7 p.m. - Meet the newest addition to our Environmental Education Department; The B.E.E.T.L.E., which stands for Bringing Environmental Education To Learners Everywhere! This vehicle will allow naturalists to bring interactive programs to various parks, take programming to schools, libraries, and provide a mobile classroom almost anywhere. We are excited to literally roll this out with our first Amphitheater program.

HALLELUJAH SAINTS BAND

Sat., June 9 - 7 p.m. - Join us for the sounds of the "best little community concert band in Allen County". From gospel to patriotic and everything in-between, they've got it covered.



MIKE HEMMELGARN

Sat., June 16- 7 p.m. - Mike is a high-energy entertainer extraordinaire who will amaze you with his juggling skills, magic tricks, ventriloquism, and comic timing ALL IN ONE SHOW. mikehemmelgarn.com



STEVE MADEWELL, SINGER SONGWRITER

Sat., June 23 - 7 p.m. - New to the Amphitheater this year. Steve's original songs are shaped by his passion for the natural world, which guided his career in the park, conservation, and outdoor recreation field, and the amazing places he's seen on his travels. madewellmusic.com



MICHAEL MAGE MAGIC

Sat., June 30 - 7 p.m. - Known as a comedian stuck in a magician's shoes, Michael Mage, a two-time national award winning magician, incorporates comedy and endless audience participation into his hilarious shows that you have to see to believe. Michael has an adept quality to engage children and adults equally in his comedic magic show. Be prepared for a hilarious action-packed magical performance. Michaelmage.com



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July

NATURE'S NURSERY

Sat., July 7- 7 p.m. - Nature's Center for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation Education located in Whitehouse, Ohio, provides medical care to injured, orphaned or ailing wild animals and conducts conservation educational outreach programs for children and adults. Make sure you bring your camera for unique photo opportunities. (Live animals will be present). Donations toward animal care and rehab would be gladly accepted. Natures-nursery.org



DR. INSECTA

Sat., July 14 -7 p.m. - Welcome back one of our favorite performers, Dr. Insecta and his Incredible and Unforgettable Bug Lab Experience. With perfect comedic timing and his traveling "arthropod assistants", Dr. Insecta will enlighten, educate, entertain and inspire you. Will you become part of the show? Audience participation is highly encouraged. Get ready to get bugged! drinsectabuglab.com



HAL WALKER

Sat., July 21 - 7 p.m. - New to the amphitheater this year and hailing from Kent, Ohio is Hal Walker. Hal is a singer, songwriter and musical explorer. His creative and passionate style engages audiences of all ages. He writes soul-searching songs that celebrate community, diversity and the creative process. As a multi-instrument artist he composes and improvises on the guitar, piano, harmonica, the khaen jew's harp and concertina. CD's will be available for purchase. halwalkermusic.com



MATT KEELER

Sat., July 28 - 7 p.m. - Matt can be described as an ethnomusicologist. He enjoys researching and performing old forgotten music. His wide interests run from Irish folk music, Hungarian folk songs, 1910's Ragtime to Delta blues. He also plays an interesting assortment of folk instruments, including traditional guitar, Irish tenor banjo, mandolin, bagpipes and our favorite; the hurdy gurdy. Join us for a unique and entertaining night of ethnic music under the summer evening sky.



August

LITTLE HOG CREEK DULCIMERS

Sat., Aug. 4 - 7 p.m. - The Summer Series can't be complete without an appearance from this dulcimer group. They've been performing at the Amphitheater for many years. Come and join us as the sweet, sweet sound of hammered and mountain dulcimers drift over us under the summer twilight sky.



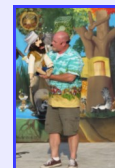
THE CONKERS

Sat., Aug. 11 - 7 p.m. - The Conkers are a family group who have been performing traditional music together for almost 35 years. They accompany themselves with a variety of folk instruments such as the fiddle, Irish whistle, bodhran, concertina, banjo, dulcimer, and guitar, just for starters. But they are best known for their blended vocal harmonies of traditional English, Irish and American folk songs.



CHRIS ROWLANDS

Sat., Aug. 18 - 7 p.m. - Singer, songwriter, musician, puppeteer, visual artist and naturalist educator are just some of Chris's accomplishments. He's been described as "rRobin Williams with a guitar" and that pretty much sums up his program. Entertaining for both children and adults. Chris will knock your socks off with his funny and educational performance. Don't miss this show! CD's will be available for purchase.



FOSSIL CREEK BAND

Sat, Aug. 25- 7 p.m. - We have saved the best for last! Join us for one of the premier bluegrass bands coming out of the Great Lakes region. The "Creekers" are known for their fun-loving, energetic performing style, tight harmonies, and their original bluegrass tunes. They have a great time writing and playing their original type of bluegrass music, and you'll have a great time being part of a Fossil Creek Band show! Fossilcreekbluegrass.com



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