

**TO:** CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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**TITLE:** Concerts on the Green/Shakespeare By The Sea

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Arts Commission approve the performers and dates for the performances selected by the Performing Arts Ad Hoc Sub Committee.

**FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:**

Performance fees, staging, and sound production will be covered by the Programming budget (Account No. 4002-8012).

**DISCUSSION:**

On behalf of the City, the Arts Commission actively encourages programs for the cultural enrichment of the community. One of these programs is the annual Concerts on the Green series, held in the summer months on the Civic Green. The Performing Arts Ad Hoc Sub Committee selects performers for the concert series and directs staff to arrange and manage the concerts.

This year's selection of performers includes:

- Stone Soul: Stone Soul specializes in Motown and classic soul music. They are based in Los Angeles and have worked with artists such as Stevie Wonder, The O'Jays, Diana Ross, and BB King. They are scheduled to play on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Sligo Rags: Sligo Rags play a fusion of Celtic folk music, bluegrass, and jazz. Named among the top acoustic bands in the Los Angeles area (by Folkworks Magazine) and two-time winners of the Orange County Music Award for Best Folk Band, this 4 piece ensemble presents Celtic Folk with bluegrass influences. Sligo Rags are scheduled to perform on Sunday, July 12.
- Britain's Finest: Britain's Finest has been described as "The closest thing to the Beatles since...the Beatles". Their visual and sonic emulation of the Beatles is uncanny. They will perform on Sunday, September 27.

Shakespeare By The Sea is another annual summer program that has a long history in the City of Newport Beach. This year the Arts Commission will stage *The Tempest* on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and *As You Like It* on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at Bonita Canyon Sports Park.

**NOTICING:**

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Arts Commission considers the item).