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The N.C. Museum of Art Announces Arts in the Museum Park 2011 Summer Series *Outdoor concerts and films kick off June 4*

RALEIGH, N.C.—The North Carolina Museum of Art announced today the 2011 Arts in the Museum Park summer season schedule of outdoor concerts and movies. The long-running and highly anticipated annual series provides the finest summertime entertainment in the Museum's outdoor amphitheater. From funky Louisiana jazz and traditional folk to recent blockbusters and old favorites, the schedule is packed with a wide range of entertainment. All concerts and movies take place at the Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., Theater in the Museum Park.



Trombone Shorty and Orleans Avenue

The concert series kicks off on June 4 with the original lineup of **Béla Fleck and the Flecktones**. Fleck's virtuosic bluegrass music and unmatched musical skill on the banjo have earned him 11 Grammy Awards, most recently for Best Contemporary World Music Album. Part I of the Louisiana Dance Party spotlights **Trombone Shorty** and his red-hot band Orleans Avenue. The group hits the stage on June 11 with a performance featuring a mix of jazz, funk, pop, and hip-hop musical styles. On June 18, Part II of the Dance Party commences with the distinctive roots music of celebrated Cajun band **BeauSoleil**.

Country singer-songwriter **Iris Dement** will perform before the screening of *True Grit* on July 16, for the first of two movie/music combo nights. Dement's authentic voice was recently featured in the film that launched her back into the spotlight. American acoustic guitar legend **Leo Kottke** will perform on August 6 in a concert ripe with hilarious stories and an impressive show of guitar mastery.

Following Kottke is a high-energy performance by Scotland's premier roots-music group **Battlefield Band**, followed by a screening of the film *The Illusionist*. Up next is Grammy-award-winning **Carolina Chocolate Drops**, honored for reclaiming the stringband tradition that once flourished in the Carolina Piedmont. Performing their music on August 27, the Triangle-based band's fun and irresistible melodies are always an audience favorite.



Guitar legend Leo Kottke

The summer season wraps up with two family-friendly performances. **The Paperhand Puppet Intervention** returns September 9 through 11 with a new magical puppet show set to live music. **Dan Zanes and Friends** complete the series on September 17 with an interactive musical party where people of all ages can sing and dance along.

Movies on the lawn this summer include *Inception*, *Michael Jackson's This Is It*, *The Kids Are All Right*, *127 Hours*, *The Ghost Writer*, *How to Train your Dragon*, *The King's Speech*, *Rango*, *The Social Network*, and more. A complete listing can be found on the Museum's Web site at www.ncartmuseum.org.

Visitors are welcome to bring picnics or enjoy food service from Iris, the Museum Restaurant. During concerts, traditional favorites like cheeseburgers and hot dogs are served, as well as more eclectic fare. Concessions and beverages are available at movies.

Tickets for all concerts and movies go on sale April 12 for Museum Members and April 19 for the general public. Concerts offer reserved seating as well as general admission lawn seating. Seating for movies is general admission.

Visitors may see a complete concert and film schedule on the Museum website at www.ncartmuseum.org. Tickets are available for purchase online or by phone through the Museum Box Office at (919) 715-5923.

CONCERTS

Béla Fleck and the Flecktones
Saturday, June 4, 8 pm
Tickets: \$11-\$35

Louisiana Dance Party, Part I
Trombone Shorty and Orleans Avenue
Saturday, June 11, 8 pm
Tickets: \$10-\$30

Louisiana Dance Party, Part II
BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet
Saturday, June 18, 8 pm
Tickets: \$9-\$25

Music/Movie Combo
Iris DeMent, followed by screening of *True Grit*
Saturday, July 16, 7 pm
Tickets: \$9-\$18

An Evening with Leo Kottke
Saturday, August 6, 8 pm
Tickets: \$9-\$25

Music/Movie Combo
Battlefield Band, followed by screening of *The Illusionist*
Saturday, August 13, 7 pm
Tickets: \$9-\$18

Carolina Chocolate Drops
Saturday, August 27, 8 pm
Tickets: \$9-\$25

Paperhand Puppet Intervention
Friday, September 9, 6:30 pm
Saturday, September 10, 6:30 pm
Sunday, September 11, 6:30 pm
Tickets: \$7.50-\$15

Dan Zanes and Friends
Saturday, September 17, 6 pm
Tickets: \$9-\$18

OUTDOOR CINEMA

\$4 General admission.
Movies are free to NCMA members and children 6 and under.

Friday, June 10, 9 pm
Inception (2010) PG-13

Friday, June 17, 9 pm
This Is It (2009) PG

Friday, June 24, 9 pm
Morning Glory (2010) PG-13

Saturday, June 25, 9 pm
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part I (2010) PG-13

Friday, July 8, 9 pm
The Town (2010) R

Saturday, July 9, 9 pm
The Kids Are All Right (2010) R

Friday, July 15, 9 pm
127 Hours (2010) R

Friday, July 22, 9 pm
The Ghost Writer (2010) PG-13

Saturday, July 23, 9 pm
How to Train Your Dragon (2010) PG

Friday, July 29, 9 pm
Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (2010) PG-13

Saturday, July 30, 9 pm
The King's Speech (2010) PG-13

Friday, August 5, 9 pm
Rango (2011) PG

Friday, August 12, 9 pm
Buster Keaton Silent Classics with Live Music!
Our Hospitality (1923) G

Friday, August 19, 8:30 pm
The Social Network (2010) PG-13

Saturday, August 20, 8:30 pm
Back to the Future (1985) PG

Schedule subject to change. Visit www.ncartmuseum.org for schedule updates.

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The North Carolina Museum of Art's permanent collection spans more than 5,000 years, from ancient Egypt to the present, making the institution one of the premier art museums in the Southeast. The Museum's collection provides educational, aesthetic, intellectual, and cultural experiences for the citizens of North Carolina and beyond. The 164-acre Museum Park showcases the connection between art and nature through site-specific works of environmental art. The Museum offers changing national touring exhibitions, classes, lectures, family activities, films, and concerts.

The Museum recently opened its new gallery building, home to the permanent collection. The North Carolina Museum of Art, Lawrence J. Wheeler, director, is located at 2110 Blue Ridge Road in Raleigh. It is the art museum of the State of North Carolina, Beverly Eaves Perdue, governor, and an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, Linda A. Carlisle, secretary. Admission to the Museum's permanent collection and Museum Park is free. Museum hours are Tuesday–Thursday and Saturday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.–9 p.m.; Closed Monday. For more information about the Museum, visit www.ncartmuseum.org