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Arts in the Museum Park Brings Outdoor Music and Movies to the N.C. Museum of Art

RALEIGH, N.C.—The North Carolina Museum of Art announced today the 2010 Arts in the Museum Park summer season. A favorite summertime destination for great outdoor music and movies, the Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., Theater in the Museum Park will host a wide range of entertainment from singer-songwriter and American folk to Broadway classics and hometown favorites.

The series kicks off May 21 with *The Swell Season*, featuring Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova, stars of the hit Irish movie *Once* and recipients of the 2008 Academy Award for Best Original Song. Two giants of Americana music, Patty Griffin and Buddy Miller, team up on June 2 to showcase a new album inspired by their love of gospel music which has won raves by critics across the country. This concert is co-presented with PineCone, the Triangle's premier roots-music presenter. With sure melodies and plainspoken storytelling, hometown gal Tift Merritt celebrates the debut of her new album, *See You on the Moon*, on our stage on June 5.

After last season's runaway success, the Museum and the North Carolina Opera join forces again to present a special performance of favorite music from operas and Broadway on June 12. The music and exuberance of local favorites The Red Clay Ramblers features fiddle breakdowns, Irish reels, classic blues, ballads, jazz, novelty songs, and beloved originals. They return to the Park Theater on July 24. American icon Joan Baez remains a musical force of nature whose influence is incalculable. Continuing to show vitality and passion in her concerts, she makes her NCMA debut on August 1. With their brilliant blend of blues, rock, and Latin roots-music influences, Los Lobos has racked up 15 acclaimed albums and three Grammy Awards. With influences of the Mexican music heritage of their families, Los Lobos presents their own brand of American music on August 7.

The summer season is rounded out with a trio of family friendly events for all ages. Dan Zanes and his merry band create the artful, raggedy, homespun, celebratory interpretation of Broadway musicals from their latest album on August 15. The Open Dream Ensemble's latest production, *Peril on the Red Planet*, presented on August 28, tells the story of a 13-year-old whiz kid's efforts to save the planet from famine. Paperhand Puppet Intervention returns this year with the magic and pageantry of fantastical creatures and settings all accented with original live music.

Movies on the lawn this summer include blockbusters *Invictus*, *The Hurt Locker*, *The Blind Side*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *Monsters vs. Aliens*, and many more. A complete listing can be found on the Museum's Web site at www.ncartmuseum.org.

Visitors are welcome to bring picnics or dine on fare from Iris, the Museum's new restaurant. During concerts traditional favorites like cheeseburgers and hot dogs are served, as well as more eclectic fare. Concessions and beverages will be available at movies.

Tickets for all concerts and movies go on sale April 16 for Museum Members and April 23 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 schedule on the Museum Web site at www.ncartmuseum.org. Tickets are available for purchase on-line or by phone through the Museum Box Office at (919) 715-5923.

CONCERTS

The Swell Season
Friday, May 21, 8 pm
Tickets: \$10-\$30

NCMA and PineCone present
An Evening with Patty Griffin
and Special Guest Buddy Miller
Wednesday, June 2, 8 pm
Tickets: \$10-\$30

Tift Merritt
Saturday, June 5, 8 pm
Tickets: \$9-\$25

NCMA and North Carolina Opera present
Casual Classics II: Opera and Broadway in the Museum Park
Saturday, June 12, 8 pm
Tickets: \$10-\$40

Red Clay Ramblers
Saturday, July 24, 8 pm
Tickets: \$9-\$25

Joan Baez
Sunday, August 1, 7 pm
Tickets: \$10-\$35

Los Lobos
Saturday, August 7, 8 pm
Tickets: \$10-\$30

Dan Zanes and Friends
Sunday, August 15, 4 pm
Tickets: \$9-\$18

Open Dream Ensemble: *Peril on the Red Planet*
Saturday, August 28, 4 pm
Tickets: \$5-\$10

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

FILMS

Friday, June 4, 9 pm
Invictus, (2009) PG-13

Friday, June 11, 9 pm
(500) Days of Summer, (2009) PG-13

Friday, June 18, 9 pm
The Damned United, (2009) R

Saturday, June 19, 9 pm
Family Movie Night
Monsters vs. Aliens, (2009) PG

Friday, June 25, 9 pm
It's Complicated, (2009) R

Saturday, June 26, 9 pm
Up in the Air, (2009) R

Friday, July 9, 9 pm
The Hurt Locker, (2009) R

Saturday, July 10, 9 pm
The Blind Side, (2009) PG-13

Friday, July 16, 9 pm
Where the Wild Things Are, (2009) PG

Saturday, July 17, 9 pm
Star Trek, (2009) PG-13

Friday, July 23, 9 pm
Julie & Julia, (2009) PG-13

Friday, July 30, 9 pm
An Education, (2009) PG-13

Saturday, July 31, 9 pm
Family Movie Night
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs, (2009) PG

Friday, August 6, 9 pm
Sherlock Holmes, (2009) PG-13

Friday, August 13, 8:30 pm
Bright Star, (2009) PG

Saturday, August 14, 8:30 pm
Fantastic Mr. Fox, (2009) PG

Friday, August 20, 8:30 pm
The Big Lebowski, (1999) R

Saturday, August 21, 8:30 pm
Crazy Heart, (2009) R

Friday, August 27, 8:30 pm
The Breakfast Club, (1985) R

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

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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. The Museum is currently closed in preparation for the opening of the new gallery building on April 24, 2010. Visit the NCMA's Web site at www.ncartmuseum.org.