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North Carolina Museum of Art Celebrates 20th Anniversary of Outdoor Summer Concerts with Special Lineup of Local, National Performers

Summer season also includes outdoor movies, family-friendly performances, and a music-movie combo

Raleigh, N.C.—The North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA) announces its **20th anniversary summer outdoor concert and movie series**. This season's [lineup](#) includes 12 concerts, one music-movie combo special event, 16 movies, and three family-friendly performances.

"We're thrilled to celebrate this special anniversary with an all-star lineup featuring local favorites, exciting newcomers to the music scene, and internationally acclaimed rock bands," says George Holt, the NCMA's director of performing arts and film. "Since the debut of the Joseph M. Bryan, Jr. Theater in the Museum Park in 1997, we've welcomed some of the world's finest musicians and performers, and we've experienced countless unforgettable moments."

Concerts and Family-Friendly Performances

The concert series kicks off May 6 with a concert by Chapel Hill indie folk band **Mipso**. Mipso's first NCMA appearance celebrates the release of a new album, *Coming Down the Mountain*. North Carolina band River Whyless opens.

On June 5 legendary artists and longtime friends **Joan Baez, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and Indigo Girls Amy Ray and Emily Saliers** share the stage in a special sold-out group performance as Four Voices.

Tegan and Sara—who over eight albums and nearly two decades have evolved from a folk duo to acclaimed indie-rockers and then to a glossier dance-pop powerhouse—perform on June 9.

On June 13 the NCMA welcomes **Kaleo**, the skyrocketing indie-rock band from near Iceland's capital city of Reykjavik. Last year *Rolling Stone* magazine named Kaleo first in a listing of "10 New Artists You Need to Know." Albin Lee Meldau opens.

Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit make their first NCMA appearance on June 18 to a sold-out crowd. Isbell's breakthrough recording *Southeastern* won Album of the Year at the 2014 Americana Music Awards, and his follow-up Grammy Award-winning record *Something More Than Free* debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's rock, folk, and country music charts. Amanda Shires opens.

Nine-time Grammy winner and American music icon **Sheryl Crow** takes the stage on June 24. Her eight studio albums have sold 35 million copies worldwide, and her newest album *Be Myself* debuts this spring. Aaron Lee Tasjan opens.

Chapel Hill band **Mandolin Orange**, which features a mix of bluegrass, gospel, folk, country, and pop by singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Andrew Marlin and violinist-guitarist Emily Frantz, performs on July 22. Joe Pug opens.

For indie music aficionados, it doesn't get any better than the July 31 dream pairing of Scottish septet **Belle and Sebastian** and the American singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist **Andrew Bird**. Both are singular voices who inspire intense devotion.

The **American Acoustic** tour, which brings together the leading lights of contemporary Americana music, makes a stop at the NCMA on August 1 for an evening of incomparable musicianship and vocal harmonizing. The concert features performances by **Punch Brothers, I'm With Her** (Sara Watkins, Sarah Jarosz, Aoife O'Donovan), and **Julian Lage**.

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The NCMA welcomes North Carolina singer-songwriter **Rhiannon Giddens**, co-founder of the Grammy-winning string band Carolina Chocolate Drops, for a concert on August 9 as part of her *Freedom Highway* album tour. *Freedom Highway* was released in February and includes nine original songs Giddens wrote or co-wrote, along with a traditional song and two civil rights-era songs.

On August 12 the NCMA presents a Merge Records Showcase, featuring **Superchunk**, with **Waxahatchee** and **Ex Hex**. This concert highlights three bands affiliated with Durham-based indie-rock champion Merge Records, the label formed in 1989 by Laura Ballance and Mac McCaughan of the band Superchunk.

Raleigh native **Tift Merritt** returns to the NCMA stage on August 19, this time as part of a special family fête with performances by **M. C. Taylor of Hiss Golden Messenger**, **Eric Slick of Dr. Dog**, **Alexandra Sauser-Monnig**, and **The Suitcase Junket**. The family-friendly event includes Butch Anthony's Traveling Museum of Wonder (site-specific installations from Seale, Alabama, created for children of all ages); a market with local fares from Raleigh Denim, Oak Moss Attic, Raleigh Vintage, and the Possum Trot; food trucks; and family activities.

Family favorite **Paperhand Puppet Intervention** puts on three kid-friendly shows September 8–10. Fabricating fantastical worlds with the most ordinary of materials, Paperhand wows audiences with giant puppets, stilt dancers, shadow puppets, and great live music.

Music-Movie Combo

For the NCMA's fifth **The Dude Abides Party** on September 16, the great Texas singer-songwriter **Jimmie Dale Gilmore** performs before the screening of **The Big Lebowski**. Gilmore is best known as a member of the West Texas trio The Flatlanders (Joe Ely and Butch Hancock), who appeared at the NCMA in 2004. He has made several fine albums on his own and wrote the classic song "Dallas." Gilmore, who plays a small but memorable role as Smokey in *The Big Lebowski*, will participate in a brief Q&A about his involvement in the movie before it screens.

The special event also features White Russians and food trucks (including American Meltdown, Baozi, Cousins Maine Lobster, Flirting with Fire, MoonRunners, Qspresso, Two Roosters Ice Cream, and Not Just Icing), and costumes are encouraged.

Movies

Big-screen movie magic under the stars has been a cherished NCMA experience for over 20 years. The season kicks off with *Arrival* on June 10 and continues with classics such as *Sixteen Candles*, *Say Anything*, and *An American in Paris*; 2017 award nominees and winners such as *Moonlight*, *Hidden Figures*, *La La Land*, *Lion*, *Hell or High Water*, and *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*; and family favorites including *Moana*, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, and the 2017 remake of *Beauty and the Beast*.

Visitor Information

The concert and movie schedule is available at ncartmuseum.org. Concerts and movies take place at the Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., Theater in the Museum Park. Doors open 90 minutes before most concert and movie start times. Parking is free.

Iris restaurant offers eclectic summer fare during concerts. Concessions, including beer and wine, are available at movies (alcohol is not served at Disney movie screenings). Visitors are also welcome to bring picnics (excluding alcohol). Nonalcoholic beverages, including water, must arrive in factory-sealed containers.

Children 6 and under are admitted free on the lawn (ticket required). For Museum members, concert tickets are discounted and movies are free (ticket required). Purchase tickets at ncartmuseum.org or by phone through the Museum Box Office at (919) 715-5923.

Frequently asked questions, including those concerning pets, weather, parking, and more, are answered [here](#).

Concert, Movie, and Special Event Details

Mipso, with River Whyless
Saturday, May 6, 8 pm
Tickets: \$23–\$30
Presented with Cat's Cradle

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Four Voices: Joan Baez, Mary Chapin Carpenter, & Indigo Girls Amy Ray & Emily Saliers (SOLD OUT)

Monday, June 5, 8 pm

Tickets: \$50-\$65

Presented with Cat's Cradle

Tegan and Sara

Friday, June 9, 8 pm

Tickets: \$29-\$39

Presented with Cat's Cradle

Arrival

Saturday, June 10, 9 pm

Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

Kaleo, with Albin Lee Meldau

Tuesday, June 13, 8 pm

Tickets: \$29-\$40

Presented with Cat's Cradle

Hell or High Water

Friday, June 16, 9 pm

Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

Saturday, June 17, 9 pm

Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, with Amanda Shires (SOLD OUT)

Sunday, June 18, 8 pm

Tickets: \$45-\$55

Presented with Cat's Cradle

Sully

Friday, June 23, 9 pm

Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

Sheryl Crow, with Aaron Lee Tasjan

Saturday, June 24, 8 pm

Tickets: \$50-\$65

Presented with Cat's Cradle

Sixteen Candles

Friday, July 7, 9 pm

Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

Say Anything

Saturday, July 8, 9 pm

Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

Moana

Friday, July 14, 9 pm

Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

Saturday, July 15, 9 pm

Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

Brazil

Friday, July 21, 9 pm

Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

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Mandolin Orange, with Joe Pug
Saturday, July 22, 8 pm
Tickets: \$23–\$30
Presented with Cat's Cradle

An American in Paris
Friday, July 28, 9 pm
Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

La La Land
Saturday, July 29, 9 pm
Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

Belle & Sebastian and Andrew Bird
Monday, July 31, 7:30 pm
Tickets: \$39–\$50
Presented with Cat's Cradle

American Acoustic with Punch Brothers, I'm With Her (Sara Watkins, Sarah Jarosz, Aoife O'Donovan), and Julian Lage
Tuesday, August 1, 8 pm
Tickets: \$32–\$45
Presented with Cat's Cradle

Lion
Friday, August 4, 9 pm
Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

Hidden Figures
Saturday, August 5, 9 pm
Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

Rhiannon Giddens—The Freedom Highway Tour
Wednesday, August 9, 8 pm
Tickets: \$32–\$45

Kubo and the Two Strings
Friday, August 11, 9 pm
Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

A Merge Records Showcase, featuring Superchunk, with Waxahatchee and Ex Hex
Saturday, August 12, 7 pm
Tickets: \$23–\$33
Presented with Cat's Cradle

Moonlight
Friday, August 18, 8:30 pm
Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

Tift Merritt and Friends
Saturday, August 19, 8 pm
Tickets: \$29–\$39
Presented with Cat's Cradle

Paperhand Puppet Intervention
Friday, September 8, 6:20 pm
Tickets: \$8.50–\$17

Paperhand Puppet Intervention
Saturday, September 9, 6:20 pm
Tickets: \$8.50–\$17

Paperhand Puppet Intervention
Sunday, September 10, 6:20 pm
Tickets: \$8.50–\$17

Beauty and the Beast (2017)

Friday, September 15, 8 pm

Tickets: \$6 Nonmembers

5th Annual *The Dude Abides* Party with special guest Jimmie Dale "Smokey" Gilmore

Saturday, September 16

Jimmie Dale Gilmore performs at 7 pm, movie starts at 9 pm

Tickets: \$15

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About the North Carolina Museum of Art

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 South. 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 opened West Building, home to the permanent collection, in 2010. 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, Roy Cooper, governor, and an agency of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Susi Hamilton, secretary.