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DEAR FRIENDS,

The volunteers that produce SummerSounds welcome you to our 24<sup>th</sup> season of great free music; sometimes familiar and comforting,



sometimes new and exciting. SummerSounds has made a positive impact by building our sense of community and bringing national attention to our region. In fact, SummerSounds was just voted #5 in USA Today's 2024 Readers' Choice for Best Outdoor Concert Series!

We're pleased and proud of our talented headline artists, most making their first visit to Greensburg, and of our "pre-show" performers who are emerging local talents. Skilled musicians from across the world are here to entertain you in the relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere of Greensburg's lovely St. Clair Park in our growing cultural district.

It takes the gifts of time and money from many to make SummerSounds free to our audiences. Our volunteers spend thousands of hours producing this truly professional series, while our audiences, charitable foundations and local businesses donate generously to make these community-building concerts possible. Please thank our supporters.

SummerSounds has no paid staff — we are your music-loving neighbors helping to build a healthy and vibrant community! You too can help — by donating, volunteering; by feeding our mascots, Pig Floyd and Jumpin' Jack Cash; and by leaving our park even cleaner than you found it.

Whether you are a Greensburg resident, or a visiting neighbor, we welcome you to our city! Greensburg has much to offer from our fine restaurants, pubs, cafes, and shops to enjoy before our concerts. While you're in town, make sure to stop by the many businesses that are displayed in these pages who support SummerSounds and say "Thank you for making SummerSounds possible!"

Relax now, and enjoy our gift of music for you and your neighbors!

Gene James

Chairman, SummerSounds info@summersounds.com

**Anna McClain** 

Events Manager, GCDC

## A NOTE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF **SUMMERSOUNDS**\*

SummerSounds began in 2000 as a hobby project of three Greensburgers: Steve Gifford, Gene James and Missy Monsour. That year, those three produced 6 concerts for 850 grateful people. With each passing year, they found something they could do better and after 25 years of "doing it better" SummerSounds emerged as a nationally recognized concert venue that's served over a half a million musiclovers with 290 concerts. SummerSounds has brought Grammy winners and millions of dollars of business to Greensburg, the capitol of Westmoreland County. AND ...this year we were voted #5 in USA Today's Best Outdoor Concert Series. All this with just 50 dedicated volunteers. Fifty very hard-working volunteers ... and no paid staff. Whew!

The board of directors of SummerSounds has rightly concluded that our small, all volunteer staff is a risk to SummerSounds sustainability – there are simply too many critical skills in too few hands. To assure the healthy future of this wonderful community asset we've decided to partner with another longterm organization whose mission aligns with ours: to grow Greensburg's cultural, economic and community health. Thus, after over a year of discussion and with the kind advice of The Hill Group, we are pleased to announce that SummerSounds will merge with the Greensburg Community Development Corporation (GCDC for short) this year. Our merger with the GCDC is a sound plan to assure offering you free concerts well into the future. GCDC's Events Manager, Anna McClain, will take on SummerSounds' management and administrative roles while our loyal team of volunteers will continue to be the key SummerSounds production staff.

Fear not, this is a good thing! We'll still be SummerSounds, shining a light on our city and bringing you great free music all summer long. We are excited to continue offering our concerts for years to come!



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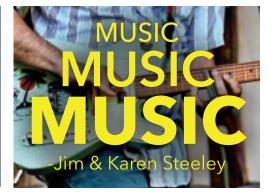
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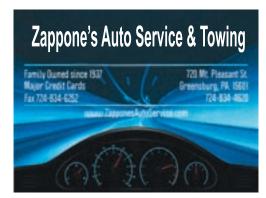
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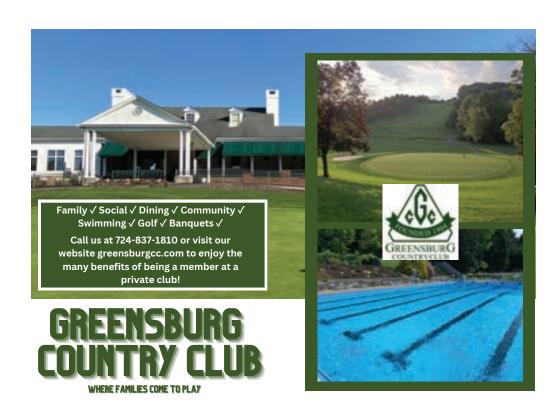
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From the smoky blues of "Midnight Train" to the funky grooves of "Shake It Down," the Bill Henry Band delivers a set list that is sure to get you on your feet and dancing the night away. Their electrifying stage presence and undeniable talent make them a must-see act for music lovers of all ages. So grab your friends, grab a cold drink, and join us for the Greensburg premier of the Bill Henry Band at SummerSounds in Greensburg. It's sure to be a night of music, laughter, and memories that you won't soon forget!



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True to the dominant Foo Fighters line up, the band is a five piece with two blistering guitars, one guitarist/ singer (our "Dave"), a driving bass, and a pounding percussionist. B&F produces an exciting show filled with energy, emotion and stage dominance. The band takes great pride in a professional presentation and delivering on a raw performance that encapsulates the band that has slammed through America's radio-waves for generations. Sure to be an energetic and amazing night full of music available at SummerSounds!

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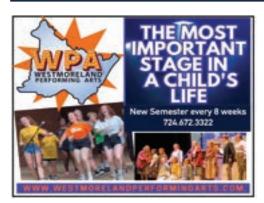


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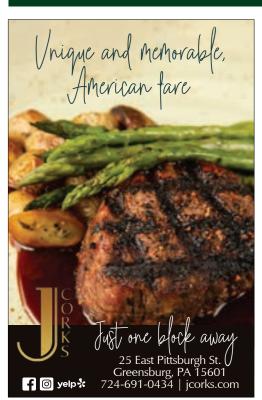


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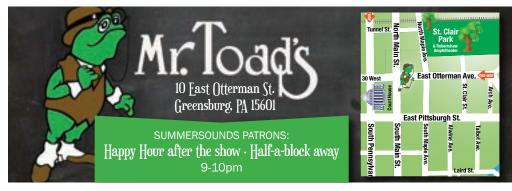
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captivating listeners with her soulful delivery and magnetic stage presence. Backed by the relentless rhythm section of bassist/guitarist Zach Verdoorn and drummer Michael Caskey, the band's infectious energy will ignite the park. The Claudettes seamless interplay and tight-knit chemistry create a musical landscape that is as diverse as it is captivating. With each song, they weave a narrative that transcends genre boundaries, leaving audiences spellbound and craving more.

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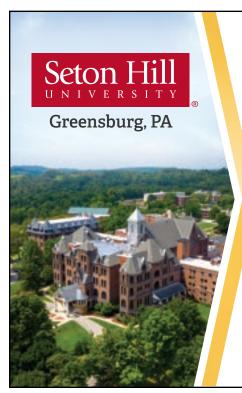
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Fronted by the mesmerizing Joslyn Hampton, whose vocals exude both power and finesse, the band wastes no time in captivating the audience. Her presence is commanding, her voice a force of nature that demands

attention and reverence. Backed by the tight-knit rhythm section of and her stepfather Marty Charters, bassist Smith Donaldson and drummer Rashawn Fleming, along with the soulful harmonies of the Sweet Compression, every note is infused with undeniable groove and passion. From the funky grooves of "Love on the Double" to the soul-stirring balladry of "What Did You Think Was Gonna Happen" Joslyn & The Sweet Compression take listeners on a sonic journey that transcends time and space. Their music is a celebration of life, love, and the boundless power of rhythm and melody.



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The music The English Channel plays has clearly stood the test of time.

People of all ages and backgrounds – from Gen Z to baby boomers – know and love these songs! The members of The English Channel perform with energy and joy which audiences find contagious. You'll find yourself singing along with them the entire night! Fifty–five years later The English Channel is, for the 4th time, making its pilgrimage to SummerSounds. So dig out your Union Jack bell bottoms and miniskirts and give tribute to the rejoinder to our Revolution. As The Sex Pistols proclaimed "God Save The Queen!"









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The band is fronted by the spirited Katie herself, whose vocals, both powerful and tender, weave tales of love, longing, and the human experience, draw listeners into a world of shared emotion and connection. She writes most of the bands songs, drawing from personal experience to build highs and lows in dynamic performances. "I really struggled,

actually, with understanding how so many horrible things can happen at the same wonderful time," she said. From anthemic sing-alongs to intimate ballads, Run Katie Run's repertoire spans the spectrum of human emotion, touching hearts and lifting spirits with every note. Whether you're a longtime fan or experiencing their music for the first time, their performance at SummerSounds will be a journey you won't soon forget.

So gather your friends, grab a picnic blanket, and join us for an evening under the stars with Run Katie Run in Greensburg for a night of music, laughter, and memories that will last a lifetime!

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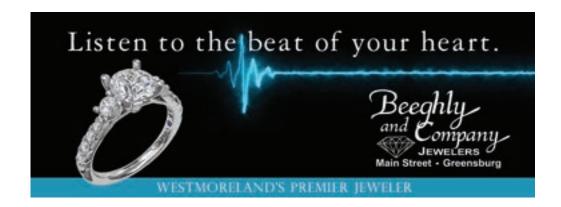
Psychedelia, Rock

What? You don't speak Slambovian? You do if you understand psychedelic spins on the music of Bob Dylan, Syd Barrett and The Incredible String Band. With the Slambovian's, the Americana sound gets stretched but never loses its ability to document real life while coloring it and providing direction with acoustic sounds and sensibilities.

Led by the enigmatic Joziah Longo, the Slambovian Circus of Dreams is a musical experience unlike any other. With their eclectic blend of folk, rock, and Americana, this captivating ensemble weaves a sonic tapestry that is both enchanting and exhilarating, where whimsy meets wonder, where music transcends the ordinary and transports you to a realm of magic and imagination.

From the haunting melodies of "Trans-Slambovian BiPolar Express" to the rollicking rhythms of "The Grand Slambovians," each song is a journey unto itself, taking listeners on a wild and unforgettable ride. With soaring harmonies, virtuosic instrumentation, and a healthy dose of theatrical flair, the Slambovian Circus of Dreams creates a spectacle that is as visually stunning as it is musically captivating.

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No, not Johann Sebastian, but David, and his Consort, a roving and revolving band of some of the best jazz musicians the metro DC area has to offer. He, the Consort, and his well-tempered keyboards, double-stacked, front and center, have graced the stage at SummerSounds a record four times now and surely earned his being voted our favorite smooth jazz artist in our two decade history.

We're not the only ones who've named him a winner: he also won the 2016 Maryland Music Awards' "Best Jazz Artist" honor. He's received airplay at major smooth jazz stations worldwide and his recording Otherworld reached

#28 in the CMJ National Jazz Chart and #4 in the Canadian Earshot National Jazz Chart.

With a natural onstage energy and charisma and an eclectic style that incorporates jazz, world music, rock, ambient music, European, Latin and classical influences, The David Bach Consort has been a powerhouse performer for discerning live performance venues across Maryland, DC, Virginia and, of course, Pennsylvania. We have always found his refreshing and comfortable stylings to be the perfect accompaniment to a gathering in St. Clair Park with your family and friends.



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Perhaps the most enduring big band of the Swing Era, Tommy Dorsey Orchestra scored 286 *Billboard* chart hits from 1935 to 1956. Among the memorable of their No. 1 hits were "Marie," "Song Of India," and "I'll Never Smile Again," songs that continue to

move audiences as the band's current iteration keeps the magic alive.

Tommy Dorsey was an extremely successful bandleader from the 1930s until the '50s. His technical skill on the trombone was unmatched and earned him respect amongst musicians and the public alike.

Frank Sinatra joined Tommy Dorsey in early 1940. Sinatra credited Dorsey

with teaching him breath control which helped to create such vocal classics as "There Are Such Things" and "I'll Never Smile Again." Sinatra was with The TDO until September 1942 when he embarked on his remarkable solo career.

The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra's band leader is Jeff Bush, a Duquesne University faculty member who has worked with The Temptations, The Four Tops, Frankie Valli, and Paul Anka, has been with the band since 2000. We'll sure be "Getting Sentimental Over You" as The One and Only Tommy Dorsey Orchestra closes SummerSounds' 24th season.







Founded in 1799, Greensburg remains the cultural, government, and legal center of Westmoreland County. The neighborhoods of the city are diverse with each possessing a distinct charm. Greensburg is a wonderful place for families of all ages to enjoy a city with a small-town feel; with many young professionals and college students enjoying the vibrant downtown area bridging the gaps between multiple generations. The restored County Courthouse, Palace Theatre, and the Train Station showcase the architectural

style of the late 1800s and the high level of civic pride in our history. The numerous billiard halls and membership clubs of the early 1900s have been replaced with coffee shops, specialty retail stores, and tattoo shops. New apartments with modern style and features complement the historic houses of the Academy Hill National Historic District.

The city has maintained outstanding desirability as a place to live. Residents have pride in their neighborhoods featuring tree-lined streets, sidewalks, neighborhood businesses, public green space, and community parks. Two major universities bookend the city providing opportunities to earn a degree and experience lectures and performances. Seton Hill University and the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg are not only education centers but significant



contributors to the local economy. City residents enjoy year-round entertainment with proximity to many key entertainment, cultural, and recreational amenities. The Five Star walking/biking trail, Mt. Odin Golf Course, Lynch Field, and Kirk Nevin Arena provide residents with ample outdoor recreation opportunities. The SummerSounds concerts at the Robertshaw Amphitheater in St. Clair Park balance the fall and winter event schedules of the Palace Theatre, Westmoreland Museum of American Art, and Seton Hill University Performing Arts Center. The Cultural District is strengthened by several arts related entrepreneurs, galleries and performance venues.

Equally important factors making Greensburg a unique place to live are the retail stores of the downtown shopping district and houses of worship. The numerous restaurants, cafés and bars located throughout the city make it a fun, unique place to live and are a key part of the popularity of Greensburg. In many ways, Greensburg reflects our society and the region while possessing an appreciation of our history.

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The Robertshaw Amphitheater was completed in 1999 through the generosity and vision of John and Anne Robertshaw, the Greensburg Community Development Corporation, local service organizations, businesses and individuals. Their shared commitment has resulted in an outdoor Amphitheater that serves as the home to **SummerSounds**.

The **SummerSounds** concerts are free to the public thanks to the generosity and hard work of the many businesses, foundations and volunteers whose names appear throughout this booklet. Please visit our sponsors and let them know that you appreciate their support for this wonderful family event.

Several donation boxes throughout the park provide you with the opportunity to help **SummerSounds** as well ... or "feed the pig" at intermission! Your donations are 100% allocated to paying for **SummerSounds** and are a nice way to say:

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