

The City of Mt. Juliet and The Arts Alliance of Middle Tennessee are proud to announce a free series of music, theatre and the arts performances this summer at the Charlie Daniels Park Stage.

The First Annual Summer of Music, Theatre and Arts in Charlie Daniels Park begins with The Jazz Alliance Big Band on Saturday, June 8 from 6:30-8:30pm. The Jazz Alliance is a local 18 piece Big Band that plays a wide variety of swing, big band and popular music. Dancing is encouraged and a local dance studio is looking at providing ballroom dance lesson at 6 p.m. Please plan a picnic or local restaurants may have some tasty foods available for sale. So, bring your favorite blanket, some dancing shoes and enjoy local music, theatre and the arts in Mt. Juliet. All performances will be family friendly and appropriate for all age groups.

The series will then continue July 6 with Encore Theatre Company performing "Cinderella Wore Combat Boots" a One-Act play and a preview of their July play "Red, White and Tuna" - an Independence Day-themed show. Encore Theatre Company is a highly successful Mt. Juliet based non-profit theatre company formed in 2006.

Cedar Creek Community Band (CCCB) will end the series in October with a rousing sound. CCCB is a 55 piece local Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Concert Band that will have your toes tapping. There are conversations to book two other dates for the first Saturday nights of August and September.

So the Summer of Music, Theatre and Arts in the Park program on Saturday nights will be:

June 8 - The Jazz Alliance

July 6 - Encore Theatre Company

Aug. 3 – To Be Announced

Sept. 7 – To Be Announced

Oct. 5 – Cedar Creek Community Band

First up is The Jazz Alliance on Saturday June 8 directed by Joe Thordsen, Mario Davidson and David Diehl. Founded in 2007, The Jazz Alliance is made up of businessmen, teachers, doctors, and other professionals, as well as professional musicians from Nashville, Mt. Juliet and surrounding communities who enjoy performing big band jazz music.

They perform music made famous by Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Stan Kenton and Woody Herman. Buddy Rich, Maynard Ferguson, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Billie Holiday, Nat King Cole, Peggy Lee, Cannonball Adderley, Doc Severinsen, Blood Sweat and Tears, Chicago, Earth Wind and Fire, Stevie Wonder and many others.

The Jazz Alliance has classic big band instrumentation which includes five saxophones, four trombones, four trumpets, guitar, bass, piano, drums, and male and female vocalists. Our music spans from the 1930's to the 1970's and beyond. They feature an eclectic repertory which includes big band swing, bebop, Latin (including bossa nova, mambo, rumba and others), contemporary jazz, standards, as well as some rock n roll, fusion, funk and blues.

The arts coming to Park

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

The Jazz Alliance performs at church and charity events, community concerts, festivals and other functions in and around the Mt. Juliet and Nashville, Tennessee areas. You can find them on line at thejazzalliance@comcast.net or call Joe Thordsen at 615-479-4352.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to support the production of the Summer Series – please call Gary Rabideau at 615-415-1740 or garyrabideau@gmail.com. All of the performing groups and The Arts Alliance of Middle Tennessee thank the City of Mt. Juliet for donating the Charlie Daniels Park Stage for this free community series of local talent. Please access details on the event at The City of Mt. Juliet website under city calendar or click on - <http://www.egovlink.com/mtjuliet/events/calendar.asp#>. In the event of inclement weather and cancellation there are no plans for a reschedule of that night's performances.