

Press Release

Belleayre Music Festival

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Spectacular Lineup At Belleayre Music Festival For 2005

HIGHMOUNT, NY — The Belleayre Music Festival will feature the most dynamic and diverse lineup in its 14-year history during the summer 2005 season.

Rock-n-roll Hall of Famers Temptations and the Four Tops, jazz giant Chick Corea, country/pop star Emmylou Harris, legendary hit-makers Three Dog Night and Broadway diva Maureen McGovern are among the headliners.

The Belleayre Music Festival annually presents a unique blend of classical, Broadway, blues, pop music and dance, along with its signature Catskill Mountain Jazz Series. Musical giants who have entertained at the festival in recent years include Ray Charles, Wynton Marsalis, Ricky Skaggs and Arlo Guthrie.

The 2005 lineup is packed with talent to suit every taste:

“Motown Royalty,” The Temptations and The Four Tops get things off to a soulful start on Saturday, July 2 at 8 p.m. These rock-in-roll Hall of Famers have been among the top concert attractions in the business for more than four decades and have delighted audiences around the globe.

The holiday weekend entertainment continues on Sunday, July 3 at 8 p.m. with “Snap, Crackle and Pops,” when the Belleayre Festival Orchestra & The Community Chorale of the Catskills perform a patriotic-themed show and fireworks will cap off the evening. All reserved seats will be \$20 and admission for children will be free.

Blues legend Ruth Brown and blues super group “Roomful of Blues” will team up for “Blues in the Night” on Saturday, July 9 at 8 p.m.

The first of three free children’s events will be held on Sunday, July 10 at 1 p.m. when Ensemble Pi presents “Bedtime Stories in Words and Music.” Special guest narrators will be “Days of Our Lives” stars Kassie and Jim DePaiva.

Broadway Superstar Maureen McGovern becomes the first performer in Belleayre’s “Encore Series” on Saturday, July 16 at 8 p.m. Maureen wowed the Belleayre audience eight years ago and another stunning performance is guaranteed this season.

Belleayrians II, a recital in the lodge featuring local and international favorites John Covelli, Justin Kolb and Idith Korman Meshulam is set for Friday, July 22 at 8 p.m.

The music makes a big swing when Country Music Performer of the Year Kathy Mattea takes the stage on Saturday, July 23 at 8 p.m.

Next up will be the Belleayre Festival Opera presenting an all-new original production of Giuseppe Verdi's "Rigoletto" on Saturday, July 30 at 8 p.m. Donald Westwood's productions continue to draw rave reviews and an ever-expanding audience.

The theme weekend continues on Sunday, July 31 at 1 p.m. with a free performance of Children's Opera "Goldilocks and the Three Bears."

Emmylou Harris, one of the most recognizable voices in music, brings her spectacular live show to the mountain on Saturday, August 6 at 8 p.m. Special guest will be country/alternative favorite Buddy Miller.

The Belleayre Music Festival's Catskill Mountain Jazz Series, which is always among the season highlights, will present five shows between August 12-21.

Jazz piano prodigy Taylor Eigsti leads his trio into the Belleayre Jazz Club for an intimate performance on Friday, August 12 at 8 p.m.

Next up is the Chick Corea Trio, with the jazz giant taking the stage on Saturday, August 13 at 8 p.m., featuring Christian McBride and Jeff Ballard.

Roni Ben-Hur Quartet will play the Belleayre Jazz Club on Friday, August 19 at 8 p.m.

The action takes another turn when hot young jazz vocalist Jane Monheit performs on Saturday, August 20 at 8 p.m. Special guests will be the Hudson Valley Youth Jazz Orchestra.

Ailey II, performing Revelations and more, returns to the Belleayre stage on Saturday, August 27 at 8 p.m. The troupe's triumphant show last season was among the festival highlights.

Rock superstars Three Dog Night, a band that defined popular music throughout the 1970s, will conclude the Belleayre season on Saturday, September 3 at 8 p.m. Three Dog Night remains a huge touring attraction and audiences are always familiar with the band's 21 top-40 hits such as "Mama Told Me Not To Come," "Black And White," "Shambala," "One" and, of course, "Joy To The World."

Tickets for the Belleayre Music Festival may be purchased in advance starting May 1 by calling (800) 942-6904, ext. 406 or via website at: www.belleayremusic.org. The e-mail address is: festival@catskill.net. Seats in the 800-seat Phyllis Litoff Pavilion range from \$40 to \$65. Lawn seating is available on concert dates for \$15 and children under 12 are admitted free on the lawn. Belleayre Jazz Club shows are general admission and tickets are \$20 each for the August 13 and 20 club performances.

The festival is presented by the Belleayre Conservatory Inc., a non-profit founded to promote cultural programs in the Catskills. Concerts are held on the grounds of Belleayre Mountain in Highmount.

Belleayre Mountain is located in the heart of New York's Catskill Mountain region. The area is located just off Route 28 and is 37 miles west of Thruway Exit 19 at Kingston; 55 miles southeast of Oneonta on Route 28; 40 miles from the Route 17 exit at Roscoe; and 95 miles southwest of Albany and just two hours north of NYC.

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