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Snowmass releases name of final Massive Music & Movies free concert: Nickel Creek

Snowmass Village, CO. Snowmass Village is pleased to announce the final act in its free Massive Music & Movies concert schedule. Nickel Creek, the sensational progressive bluegrass band recently featured at the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, performs a free concert on Saturday, August 19.

“We’re thrilled that Nickel Creek is coming to Snowmass. It really caps off an incredible line-up of free summer music,” says Susan Hamley, Snowmass Village’s Marketing Director. “Snowmass offers over 14 free concerts on Fanny Hill this summer by nationally recognized performers such as Nickel Creek, and they bring such a dynamic energy to Snowmass that we draw visitors from all over Colorado and beyond.”

The season kicked off in June with the record-breaking success of the Chili Pepper & Brew Fest which boasted attendance well over 5,000-strong to see such acts as Jonny Lang and Medeski, Martin & Wood. The Snowmass Summer of Free Music Series starts on June 29 with renowned singer-guitarist Tab Benoit. These free weekly outdoor concert run every Thursday night through August 24 on Fanny Hill and draw crowds by the thousands.

Free Thursday night concerts are just a part of the music scene. Celebrating Independence Day, Snowmass brings the legendary and Grammy-winning Blind Boys of Alabama to Snowmass for a free July 1 concert followed by a brilliant 27-minute laser light show. Two Free Massive Music & Movies weekends bring spectacular entertainment to the mountains as well. The July 6-8 celebration includes the music of New Orleans’ The Iguanas, the movie Grease, the high octane funk of Particle, and the Mutaytor, a spectacular music and dance arts show sweeping the nation with a pulsating, energetic, and dazzling performance. The final Massive Music & Movies weekend features Sonya Kitchell, the classic Alfred Hitchcock movie Rear Window, and the Grammy-winning trio Nickel Creek.

In between the concerts, Snowmass Village offers a full schedule of activities and mountain adventures, ranging from 40 miles of mountain biking and hiking to fly fishing and golf to a weekly western rodeo. For more information, please visit www.snowmassvillage.com or call 1-800-SNOWMASS. For media information, please contact aj@snowmasspress.com.

The Full Snowmass Summer Music Schedule:

(For complete bios on these musicians, please visit www.snowmasspress.com)

June 29: Snowmass Summer of Free Music Series

Tab Benoit. According to *Guitar Magazine*, this brilliant New Orleans-based guitarist, vocalist, and master of crescent city funk & rock “has tone as thick as gumbo and licks as fiery as a tablespoon of cayenne pepper.”

July 1: Independence Celebration Free Concert & Laser Light Show.

The Blind Boys of Alabama have spread the spirit and energy of pure soul gospel music for over 60 years. Today, they continue to spread their hallowed style of traditional soul-gospel with innovative arrangements. They've won a Grammy every year since 2002 and been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

July 6-8: Snowmass Summer of Free Music Series/Massive Music & Movies

The Iguanas (July 6). This ultimate Cajun party band emerged in the 1990s as one of New Orleans' most popular bands, boasting a flair for melody and lyrics as well as grooves.

Particle (July 8). The instrumental quartet's trademark 'funktronic' sounds combine elements of electronica, funk, and good ol' rock and roll.

The Mutaytor (July 8). The Mutaytor is part hip-grinding techno/retro-funk, part audience-interactive post-modern circus. The sound is tight, the show manic, the vibe all-inclusively and family friendly

July 13: Snowmass Summer of Free Music Series

Papa Grows Funk. Calling themselves "the funkier act in the world's funkier town, New Orleans," Papa Grows Funk ranges from Mardi Gras funk to rhythm & blues classics to original material and jams.

July 20: Snowmass Summer of Free Music Series

The Subdudes. With exquisite vocal interplay and unique elements like Malone's slide, Magnie's accordion and Amedee's brushed and hand-struck tambourine, New Orleans's the Subdudes have established themselves as a treasure trove of blues, folk, R&B, country, cajun, funk, gospel, and rock & roll.

July 27: Snowmass Summer of Free Music Series

Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials. From smoking slide guitar runs to raw-boned Chicago shuffles to the deepest blues, Lil' Ed and his blistering band, the Blues Imperials, get so wild & crazy performing '70s funk that The Boston Globe called them “the world's #1 house rocking band.”

August 3: Snowmass Summer of Free Music Series

Soulive. This jazz trio is known for ripping solos, catchy, upbeat songs extended jams, beat-driven instrumentals and dazzling collaborations. Having opened for groups such as the Rolling Stones and the Dave Matthews Band, Soulive appeals both to beat conscious hip-hop heads and those who grew up on Earth, Wind & Fire.

August 10: Snowmass Summer of Free Music Series

Jon Cleary. New Orleans' Jon Cleary is a triple threat — with a salty-sweet voice, masterful piano skills, and a knack for stacking infectious grooves with melodic hooks and sharp lyrics. Excelling at smart lyrics, memorable melodies, and rock-solid grooves, Cleary fronts his own band and tours internationally with Bonnie Raitt.

August 17-19: Snowmass Summer of Free Music Series & Massive Music & Movies

Sonya Kitchell (Aug. 17) Kitchell is an eloquent songwriter, dazzling singer and old soul who just happens to be 17 years of age. She seamlessly melds elements of jazz, R&B, folk and other roots forms in a song-serving, rather than genre-adhering, way.

August 19. Grammy-award-winning group Nickel Creek is an American acoustic trio with roots in bluegrass and "Progressive Acoustic." All award-winning musicians in their own right, this young trio has played together for over a decade. They've produced five albums and have become a word-of-mouth sensation on the progressive bluegrass scene.

August 24: Snowmass Summer of Free Music Series

Sam Bush. Sam Bush has been one of acoustic music's great innovators and consummate collaborators who has done as much as anyone since Bill Monroe to shape the destiny of the diminutive mandolin, adding new power and syncopation to its percussive chop and a new harmonic vocabulary that embraces rock, reggae, Afro-pop and jazz.

September 1-4: Jazz Aspen /Snowmass

One of the biggest music extravaganzas in the state, this three-day celebration draws crowds of 33,000 and music by the likes of John Mellencamp, Leann Rimes, Kanye West and more (see related release).

September: Fall in Love with Snowmass

Bands are bound to be plentiful during this month-long celebration of the harvest season, including Papa Grows Funk's return during Oktoberfest on Sept. 9, Wine & Jazz on Sept. 16, and Wayword Song during the Snowmass Balloon Festival. Stay tuned for more details!

Snowmass Village, Colorado, is located in the heart of the Elk Mountains 9 miles from Aspen, Colorado. Snowmass is accessible via four regional airports: Aspen, Eagle, Grand Junction, and Denver and recently announced new direct summer jet service from Aspen to Salt Lake City on Delta and Aspen to Los Angeles on United. For a summer media guide of this popular mountain destination, please visit www.snowmasspress.com.

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