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Saturday Concert Series Begins June 28

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The Shamblers, a local band that reflects an eclectic mix of folk, rock 'n' roll, blues and jazz, will kick off the Saturday in the Park summer concert series on Saturday, June 28 at the Atascadero Lake Park bandstand. According to the city's Web site, www.atascadero.org, musicians Mike Marotto, Lucas Ohio Pattie and Colby James provide "a remarkable collaboration of three musicians that the community will not want to miss."

The city of Atascadero is gearing up for its weekly Saturday in the Park summer concert series, which will feature nine free music concerts at the Atascadero Lake Park bandstand, beginning Saturday, June 28 and culminating on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Each of the Saturday concerts will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Pacific Harvest Catering will provide a buffet-style gourmet barbecue for \$10 to \$13 per person, depending on the menu offering, with a different menu for each Saturday concert and, for the first time, wine at \$4 a glass will also be available for purchase. The caterer accepts cash or personal checks at the park the day of the event.

“My favorite part of this concert series is the opportunity it provides to spend the evening with family and friends,” Lieser said. “I think that’s what most community members like best about the summer concert series. They can spend time with their family and friends and have a good time having dinner, a glass of wine and enjoy the summer in Atascadero. The weather is perfect and, because the concerts are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the sun is just starting to go down when we’re finishing the concert. I like the fact that we are showcasing local talent in SLO County as well.”

Kicking off the concert series on Saturday, June 28 will be a performance by The Shamblers, whose sound is both retro and fresh with tunes that are influenced by folk and rock ‘n’ roll as well as blues and jazz. The group is described on the city’s Web site, www.atascadero.org, as “a remarkable collaboration of three musicians,” including Mike Marotto on bass and lead guitar, Lucas Ohio Pattie on guitar, harmonica and vocals and Colby James on percussion, that “the community will not want to miss.”

Big Daddy’s Rhythm and Blues Band will perform on Saturday, July 5 and the summer concert series will welcome The Martin Paris Band on Saturday, July 12. The band members are Martin Paris on vocals and acoustic guitar, Debbie White on vocals, Kelly Powers on fiddle and guitar, Terry Newby on bass and Matt Wilson on drums and percussion.

Newby, an Atascadero resident who has played bass and guitar for 30 years, said his favorite kind of music is good music, whether it’s rock, country, jazz or rhythm and blues, and noted that he is always looking for music that has some teeth to it.

“We’ve been together as a band for seven years and we have a new lead singer, Debbie White, who comes to us from Santa Maria,” he said. “The rest of us are from Templeton and Atascadero. She was previously with a group called Pure Heart and we also have a new drummer, Matt Wilson, who was previously with a group called The Intruders. Martin Paris, who leads the band, has a couple of CDs out and the band has a recording demo out as well. We perform a lot at local wineries.”

Guy Budd and The Gypsy Souls will perform Saturday, July 19. Budd is a triple threat as a singer, songwriter and guitarist and delivers his own brand of progressive blues, fused with elements of rock, jazz and soul, which are described as “stunning and beautiful” and feature Budd’s songwriting that is “ripe with social commentary,” the Web site said.

The remaining concerts include Viper Six on July 26, the J.D. Project on Aug. 2, The House Red Band on Aug. 9, the Usual Suspects on Aug. 16 and Pipe Dream on Aug. 23.

For more information about the concert series, call 461-5000 or visit the city’s Web site.