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Free Music and Movies Back in Yakima Parks This Summer

Three great Yakima summer traditions that offer free, family-friendly entertainment in three of Yakima's parks have returned for another season this year.

The 2013 *Summer Sunset Concert Series* at Franklin Park will feature mostly Northwest-based performers every Friday evening from July 12th through August 23rd. While the series has long been held at Franklin Park, this year musicians will get to enjoy performing in the new Yakima Sunrise Rotary Pavillion, which was dedicated in June.

Summer Sunset Concert Series performances run from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and the shows are free to attend.

This year's concert series lineup includes folk group *The Village Musicians* on July 12th, folk artist *Camille Bloom* on July 26th, *Gypsy Soul* with its Americana style on August 2nd, the blues sounds of *Rod Giles* on August 9th, folk/rock/blues performer *Ian McFeron* on August 16th, and the Reggae beats of *Adrian Xavier* on August 23rd.

The *Yakima Valley Community Band Concert Series* began its 2013 run of six free performances at Randall Park on the 4th of July. For the rest of the season, the Yakima Valley Community Band will perform every Wednesday through August 7th. *Yakima Valley Community Band Concert Series* performances start at 7:00 pm and usually last about an hour.

Gilbert Park will host this year's free *Outdoor Cinema Series*, which will feature nearly-new releases every Sunday from July 14th through August 18th. The lineup of movies this season includes *Rise of the Guardians* (PG) on July 14th, *Wreck-It Ralph* (PG) on July 21st, *The Lorax* (PG) on July 28th, *Twilight – Breaking Dawn Part 2* (PG-13) on August 4th, *The Boom* (PG-13) on August 11th, and *Madagascar* (PG-13) on August 18th. *Outdoor Cinema Series* movies begin at sunset, which during the summer is usually around 8:30 pm.

The projector and screen used for the *Outdoor Cinema Series* are provided by a grant from the Yakima Valley Community Foundation through Allied Arts. Yakima Pediatric Dentistry is the presenting sponsor for the series. Movie partners for the series include Elliott Insurance, BOR Architecture, Tri-Valley Construction, and Russell Crane.

"All three of these great series have become summertime traditions in Yakima," said Yakima Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. "We're really proud to be able to provide this kind of quality, free entertainment for the community. We couldn't do it without the support of our sponsors. They deserve a lot of credit for helping keep these series going," said Wilkinson.

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