



**MATTIE KELLY ARTS FOUNDATION PRESENTS THE
21ST ANNUAL CONCERTS IN THE VILLAGE SERIES**

***Nine local and regional music acts to perform Thursday evenings,
May 5–June 30, 2016***

DESTIN, FLORIDA — (March 21, 2016) Thanks to Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation, orchestrating a family outing al fresco style during the summer is a breeze.

This year MKAF presents the 21st annual installation of Concerts in the Village series every Thursday from May 5 through June 30 at the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village located at 4323 Commons Drive West in Destin, Florida.

Some of the finest local and regional touring artists will hit the Dugas Pavilion stage to perform everything from Motown to rhythm & blues, jazz, and funk to classic and modern rock. This year's showcase roster includes a variety of talented bands paying tribute to music legends from Santana and Joe Cocker to Journey and Johnny Cash — even Elvis is expected to make an appearance!

The 2016 season schedule opens on May 5, The House Rockers (Mississippi blues); May 12, Moos Bros. (Emerald Coast's premier party band); May 19, Emerald Gold (Motown revue); May 26, Supernatural (Santana tribute band); June 2, Lava Lamp ('70s soul, funk and disco); June 9, Faithfully (Journey tribute band); June 16, The Joe Band (Joe Cocker tribute band); June 23, The Maxx (a blend of oldies with pop tunes); June 30, Todd Allen Herendeen: Legends in Concert (tribute to legends such as Roy Orbison, Johnny Cash, Buddy Holly and Elvis).

“Music is an art form that connects us all. If you haven't come to the Concerts in the Village or haven't been in a while, we invite you to gather

with us among family and friends for a true summertime celebration of music, food and fun,” said Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation CEO Marcia Hull.

Gates open at 6 p.m. and concerts start at 7 p.m. for this come-as-you-are family-friendly outdoor concert series.

Bring a lawn chair, picnic and wine or purchase soft drinks and dinner prepared by a featured restaurant or food trucks on site. Admission is \$12 for adults; children (12 and under) and MKAF members are free.

A limited number of VIP Tables are available to MKAF members for the nine-week concert season for \$950 (includes admission, reserved table and seating for up to eight guests). These are sold on a first come, first served basis. Call (850) 650-2226 to inquire about membership or to purchase a VIP Table.

“No question about it, the arts are integral to having a whole community. All of MKAF’s signature cultural events go a long way towards funding empowering arts programming for children, youth and adults with special needs, and emerging therapeutic programs for our local disabled veterans,” said Hull. “Our one-of-a kind outreach program, All Kinds of Art, is truly dedicated to serving all kinds of populations with impactful arts experiences.”

Other signature events slated for MKAF’s 2016 season include the 8th Annual Labor Day Weekend Concert (Sept. 4); the 21st Annual Festival of the Arts (Oct. 29-30) and the 21st Annual holiday offering Sounds of the Season (Dec. 2) at Village Baptist Church in Destin.

The Concerts in the Village series is made possible by the generous support of local individuals, businesses and media partners. For more information on how you can become a member of MKAF, gain benefits as an event sponsor, provide a donation or explore opportunities to get involved on a committee of the Board of Directors, call (850) 650-2226 or visit www.mattiekellyartsfoundation.org. Follow us on Facebook at MattieKellyArtsFoundation.

The 2016 LINE UP

May 5 — The House Rockers

Mississippi Blues Band notorious for it's non-stop, high-energy performances.

May 12 — Moos Bros.

The Emerald Coast's premier party band.

May 19 — Emerald Gold

Get ready for an amazing Motown showdown.

May 26 —Supernatural

Santana Tribute Band including mega hits such as "Black Magic Woman" to "Smooth."

June 2 — Lava Lamp

An entertaining mix of '70s Soul, Funk, & Disco. This band puts the "yes" in polyester!

June 9 — Faithfully: Journey Tribute Band

A "faithful" tribute to one of the most popular rock bands in the world.

June 16 —The Joe Band

This band promises a powerhouse tribute to Joe Cocker — one of the greatest rock icons of all time.

June 23 — The Maxx

Be dazzled by energetic choreography and an eclectic sound that ranges from the classic oldies to today's pop music.

June 30 — Todd Allen Herendeen: Legends in Concert

Come see several legends on stage in one amazing show including Roy Orbison, Johnny Cash, Buddy Holly & Elvis Presley!

PHOTOGRAPHY

[Click here](#) for a link to images of Concerts in the Village entertainers, MKAF promotional mat.

ABOUT MATTIE KELLY ARTS FOUNDATION

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF), a 501-c-3 not-for-profit charitable arts organization, was founded in 1995 on the cultural, educational and

spiritual beliefs of the late Destin matriarch, Mattie Kelly. MKAF's mission is Northwest Florida's champion of cultural arts and arts education for all.

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