

Solano County Fair – August 2-6, 2017
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Three Stages of Music and Entertainment at the 2017 Solano County Fair

Discount Tickets Available Online through Midnight on August 1

Solano County, CA – Next week’s annual Solano County Fair, running from August 2-6, has long been known as one of the best entertainment values of the summer thanks to free nightly concerts, interesting exhibits, lots of animals and non-stop family fun. This year is no exception, continuing the tradition of celebrating all the best of Solano County and offering some of the lowest ticket prices for fairs in the area. Themed “This Fair’s For Ewe!”, the Fair promises something for everyone including three stages of music and entertainment every day.

Headline Concerts on the PG&E Galaxy Stage

On **Wednesday, August 2** the Fair will once again hold a “festival within a festival” repeating last year’s popular **Gospel Rocks Solano!** event. The evening will feature minister and recording artist, Vicki Yohe, as well as Geoffrey Golden, the Season 7 winner of the “BET Sunday Best” singing competition. They will be joined by multiple musical and inspirational artists for more than three hours of entertainment beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 3 brings ultimate soul crooner and Oakland native, **Lenny Williams**, to the PG&E Galaxy Stage. Gaining fame as the lead singer of *Tower of Power*, Williams’ style has transcended into the new millennium, influencing many of today’s most popular R&B and Hip Hop artists. His rich, passionate vocal style will woo the crowd with old favorites and new sounds beginning at 8:00 p.m.

One of the greatest funk bands of all time, **The Original Lakeside**, will bring their unique and high energy sound to the Fair on **Friday, August 4**. The Original Lakeside was the first band to successfully use a theme for each of its album covers, creating notoriety in the music industry and leaving their fan base always wondering what they were going to come out with next. Best known for their hit “Fantastic Voyage”, the band has been performing for over forty years and promises the ultimate funk band concert when they take the stage at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 5 brings two headline shows to the PG&E Galaxy Stage: **Metalachi** at 5:00 p.m. and **Journey Revisited** at 8:00 p.m. Self-described as “the world’s first and only heavy metal mariachi band”, Metalachi is a show unlike any other. Combining high-spirited humor and outrageous costumes with truly skilled musical tributes, the band will entertain fairgoers like only a rock band can. Continuing the night’s classic rock theme, Journey Revisited is back at the Fair after their highly popular show in 2015. The extraordinary talents of Jeff Salado, Val Popovic, Kevin Jachetta, Michael “Gonzo” Gonzales and David Hawkes come together to “relive the glory days of Journey” through their band, Journey Revisited, for a tribute performance that’s sure to delight nostalgic music lovers.

The closing night Fiesta Concert features **Banda Troyana** along with opening acts **La Proxima Banda** and **Banda La Incomparable** for a 6 p.m. show time on **Sunday, August 6**. Every year the closing night performances fill the PG&E Galaxy Stage arena with families and friends dancing the night away and this



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year is sure to be no different! A separate ticket is not required for any of the concerts and seating is available on a first come, first served basis.

Local and Regional Favorites on the Bay Stage

The Steve Bayner Hypnotist Show

Back by popular demand every day of the Fair, *The Steve Bayner Hypnotist Show* is one of the most sought after, successful shows of its kind. Each year, Steve performs before millions of people. His show has been performed all over the United States as well as abroad. Steve's talents have been featured in newspapers, magazines, television and radio. Additionally, he's been the star of his own cable television show and is currently working on the production of his own reality television show, "Steve Bayner's World of Hypnosis." Audience participation is key to each show's success with selected audience members becoming the stars of the show. Every show has its own personality and humor, reflecting the uniqueness of the individuals in the audience. Steve Bayner performs two one hour long shows every night of the Fair. See schedule for show times as they vary with each day.

Charged Particles

Features three of the country's virtuosos, the music of Charged Particles crosses stylistic boundaries and blends diverse traditions to create engaging new sounds in the electric jazz arena. The trio's repertoire blends jazz with elements of Latin music, funk, classical music, and other genres. The group's original compositions are mixtures of complex orchestration and elaborate improvised solos. The band brings a similar approach to playing arrangements of tunes by other jazz artists and traditional jazz standards by the composers of America's most popular songs from decades ago, each played with a new twist.

All of the trio's music has a distinctly acoustic sensibility, despite the members playing both electric and acoustic instruments. The group's small size allows for sensitivity and spontaneity among the players, making each performance an enchanting improvisational exploration. The band's energy level is always high, even when they are cooking at a volume no louder than a whisper, or floating through the melody of a romantic ballad. Each piece they play brims with the fun the players have together and with the admiration they have for each other. Charged Particles performs from 3:30-4:20 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2.

Buck Nickels & Loose Change

Singer, songwriter and lead guitarist, Buck Nickels, learned his cowboy ways at the family ranch in Sonoma, California's Valley of the Moon. He learned to drive in a red, 1955 Ford truck and by the time he was old enough to get his license, he was in the driver's seat of a 1969 Peterbilt hauling grain for the family cattle-feed business. Western saddles and blue-ribbon rodeo riding were his whole world – until that fateful day. While driving his grandpa's 1930s sixteen-cylinder Cadillac across the ranch, Buck heard Bob Wills on the radio and he knew he was destined to be a country star. He found an old Martin at the local pawn shop, learned a few tunes and by the time he bought his Telecaster, he was writing his own songs and serenading the local cowgirls. Vineyards have replaced the golden grass and oaks of the valley but barbed-wire fences protect the cattle and horses that still roam the ranch. At the end of a long day, Buck leaves his boots and hat by the door, pours himself a glass of private reserve and picks up that old Martin.



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Clayton J. Foor

Clayton J. Foor lives in the East Bay of the San Francisco area. He writes and sings music inspired by the best of 60's/70's pop as well as by the great music he grew up hearing Sinatra sing, thanks to his mom's excellent taste in music.

Starting in 2007 he received the ASCAP Plus Award for composition four years running. His original music was performed in 2008 at the New Music in the Gallery concert series in downtown Chicago. In 2001 he directed a small a capella group singing his own arrangement of the Star Spangled Banner on the pitcher's mound to open a game at AT&T Park. Clayton is a graduate of Stanford University with an A.B. in Music with a concentration in Composition. Clayton J. Foor performs from 4:00-4:50 p.m. on Thursday, August 3.

Dave Rocha Hard Bop Jazz Quartet

Dave Rocha has been performing with his jazz group for more than 20 years. He has played in a number of major cities, including New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. His band plays an eclectic mix of jazz standards (by Miles Davis, Wayne Shorter, John Coltrane, etc.) "pop" tunes (Cole Porter, Gershwin and Jobim) and original compositions. This covers a wide variety of styles from up-tempo bebop, "modal" tunes, swing and blues, to latin jazz, ballads and jazz waltz.

In addition to his trumpet expertise, Rocha is also an accomplished flugelhorn player. This instrument is similar to the trumpet, but has a larger bell, which gives it a darker, mellower sound – a unique experience for music lovers everywhere! Dave Rocha Hard Bop Jazz Quartet performs from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 4.

The Konsept Party Band

The Konsept Party Band has captured the public's attention since they first arrived on the music scene in 2011. This 7-piece band makes a lasting impression with their soulful renditions of classics from the Motown Era up to the present, R&B, Funk, and Old School guarantee to keep the crowd happy on any occasion.

The Konsept's passion and love for music has been the key to their success over the years. The band members have a very strong desire to play music and perform and their goal is to provide fun and professional musical entertainment to all audience and genders. They love what they do and it shows in their performances! The Konsept Party Band brings high energy and smooth, soulful multi-harmonies with each musician bringing out the best flavor from their instruments, to satisfy their audience to the mood of the music. They specialize in performing recognizable music and songs much like the original artist, but with a style of their own. The Konsept Party Band performs from 7:00-7:50 p.m. and again from 8:00-8:50 p.m. on Friday, August 4.

Business Casual A Cappella

Formed in 2012, vocal band Business Casual is rapidly becoming a fixture in the Bay Area vocal music scene. As their name suggests, Business Casual combines unexpected musical styles to produce fresh a cappella versions of vintage chart toppers and today's hits. Featuring powerful leads, floor thumping



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bass, and sizzling beats, you won't believe that this group is using only their voices! Business Casual explores a wide range of genres including funk, folk, pop, soul, swing, and R&B, guaranteeing that there is something for everyone in their energetic, all-ages shows.

In 2015 Business Casual swept the San Francisco regional Harmony Sweepstakes a cappella competition taking home awards for best arrangement, audience favorite, and first place overall. Business Casual has performed at corporate events including Dreamforce and the Free Mason's 14th World Conference along with community events such as the Mill Valley arts festival. In addition to a regular schedule of private events, the group has played live public gigs at Neck of the Woods and Playland in San Francisco and Omega Salvage in Berkeley. In 2014 the group released its first EP, 'Eyes on Me'. The group has conducted workshops with local schools and participated in collaborations with other Bay Area artists. Business Casual performs from 4:30-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 6.

UB707 (The Urban Bushmen Band)

UB707 is a Northern California rhythm and blues group ready to entertain. The high energy, crowd pleasing act knows how to get people up on their feet and keep them moving. Founded by young blues/funk guitarist Kenny Wilson, UB707 covers Classic Blues, R&B and Neo-Soul. Whether its fan favorite grooves by other well-known groups, or music of their own, the band pulsates with tight arrangements. UB707 performs from 7:00-7:50 p.m. and again from 8:00-8:50 p.m. on Sunday, August 6.

Also on the Bay Stage

Kim & Ros	5:00-5:45 – Wed, Aug 2
Ohana O'Lokomaika'i Hawaiian Dancers	5:00-5:45 – Thu, Aug 3
Vona B.	7:30-8:00 – Thu, Aug 3
Sa-Zil	8:30-9:30 – Thu, Aug 3
The Reefriders	1:00-1:50 – Sat, Aug 5
Contraband	2:30-3:30 – Sat, Aug 5
Solano's Got Talent! Competition	5:00-7:30 – Sat, Aug 5
The Crows Rock Band	8:00-9:30 – Sat, Aug 5
Scottish Fiddlers	12:00-12:45 & 1:00-1:45 – Sun, Aug 6
Grateful Sirens Belly Dancers	2:00-2:30 – Sun, Aug, 6
Art Mulcahy & Roadside Flare	3:00-3:50 – Sun, Aug 6

Music and More on the Cultural Pavilion Stage

No single event showcases the diversity of our home county like the Solano County Fair, and no single attraction at the Fair does that better than the popular Cultural Pavilion. Every day and every hour of the Fair, this attraction will "wow" fairgoers with a colorful and diverse display of history, art, crafts and entertainment.

The Cultural Pavilion covers an expansive tented area in front of McCormack Hall once again this year, situated between the Family Fun Zone and the Gem & Minerals Building. The shady, tree covered area is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the numerous acts scheduled to perform on the Cultural Pavilion



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Stage. The stage will feature exciting and varied performances from cultures across the globe including Filipino dancers and singers, martial arts demonstrations, cultural music, Hawaiian and Polynesian dancers, Cuban and Latin bands, belly dancers and more.

The Cultural Pavilion had its start at the 2010 Solano County Fair and was called The Filipino Pavilion in honor of the first, and at the time, only organization participating in the exhibit. After its first successful year showcasing one culture, the Fair has continually added new cultures each year with the help and participation of organizations within Solano County. The Fair looks forward to continuing the growth of the Cultural Pavilion each year and welcomes the inclusion of additional groups who have the volunteer resources to participate. There is no cost for the organizations that join in presenting the Cultural Pavilion, but it does take a generous amount of volunteer effort to prepare the displays, staff the attraction during Fair hours, and coordinate entertainment to perform on the Cultural Pavilion Stage.

Performing on the Cultural Pavilion Stage (partial listing, subject to change)

Kajukenbo Self Defense Institute	3:00-3:45 – Wed, Aug 2
Ohana O’Lokomaika’i Hawaiian Dancers	4:00-4:45 – Wed, Aug 2
Chic Steppers & Chicago Steppers	6:30-7:00 – Wed, Aug 2, 7:00-7:30 – Fri, Aug 4 & 6:30-7:00 – Sat, Aug 5
Kevin Kooyumijian	7:30-9:00 – Wed, Aug 2
One The One Band	3:00-3:50 – Thu, Aug 3
Lions Dance Me	4:00-4:40 – Thu, Aug 3
All City Dance Troupe	5:00-6:00 – Thu, Aug 3 & 4:05-5:05 – Fri, Aug 4
Hands On Fire Cuban Band	6:30-8:00 – Thu, Aug 3
The Hmong Dance Group	3:30-4:00 – Fri, Aug 4
Song Bird Lounge	6:00-6:55 – Fri, Aug 4
The Raymond Victor Band	8:15-9:45 – Fri, Aug 4
All Star Talent Realization Academy	12:00-1:00 – Sat, Aug 5
JCMA Martial Arts	1:20-1:50 – Sat, Aug 5
Lerecia Davis Evans	2:00-2:30 – Sat, Aug 5
Danza Nanhiatzin	2:35-3:05 – Sat, Aug 5
Boca Mundial Latin Band	8:30-9:30 – Sat, Aug 5
Ameena Belly Dance	12:00-12:20 – Sun, Aug 6
Sweet Medicine	12:35-12:55 – Sun, Aug 6
Dancers of the Desert	1:00-1:45 – Sun, Aug 6
Island Warriors Martial Arts	2:00-2:30 – Sun, Aug 6
Grateful Sirens Belly Dancers	3:15-4:00 – Sun, Aug 6
La Proxima Band	4:30-5:45 – Sun, Aug 6
Mario Saucedo Day of the Dead	6:30-7:30 – Sun, Aug 6
Nzuri Band	8:30-9:30 – Sun, Aug 6



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Discounted pre-sale tickets are available online at SCFair.com and on the Fair’s Facebook page now through midnight on August 1. Pre-sale tickets can also be purchased at the Fairgrounds’ office during regular business hours through August 1. By purchasing tickets in advance, fairgoers save \$5.00 per carnival unlimited ride wristband and \$2.25 per adult, child, senior and military veteran admission tickets off of the regular on-site prices during the Fair. Children age 5 and under are always FREE. New for 2017, parking tickets may also be purchased in advance for a \$2.25 savings per vehicle.

	<u>On-Site</u>	<u>Pre-Sale</u>
General Admission	\$10.00	\$7.75
Child (age 6-12)	\$6.00	\$3.75
Senior (age 60+)	\$6.00	\$3.75
Military Veteran	\$8.00	\$5.75
Carnival Wristband	\$28.00	\$23.00
Parking	\$12.00	\$9.75

Also new for 2017, pre-sale ticket packages can be purchased for an even greater savings. A two adult admissions plus one parking package is available for \$20 in advance (\$32 on-site), and a family pack with two adult admissions, two child admissions and one parking is available for \$25 in advance (\$44 on-site).

In addition to discounted pre-sale tickets, the Fair is offering three special admission days.

- Wednesday, August 2: Seniors Day – seniors age 60+ receive free admission
- Thursday, August 3: Kids Day – kids 12 and under receive free admission
- Friday, August 4: Military & First Responders Appreciation Day – military, law enforcement and firefighters and their families receive free admission

The Solano County Fair runs from August 2-6, 2017 at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo. 2017 Fair hours are 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

All of the following sources are available to get the latest updates and announcements about the annual Solano County Fair as well as year-round Fairgrounds activities:

- visit the Fair’s web site, SCFair.com;
- follow the Fair on Facebook by clicking the link on the Fair’s home page; or
- sign up to receive email blasts and newsletters by registering your email in the box at the top of the Fair’s home page.

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