

Cultural Arts Staff Activity Report for August 8, 2013 City Arts Commission Meeting

Concerts In The Park:

On Sunday, July 28, at 6PM, the second Concert in the Park was held in the new Civic Center Green. A crowd estimated at 2000 enjoyed the music of tribute band *Springsteen: The Premier Tribute to the Boss*. The Civic Center Green has proven to be an excellent venue for the concerts.

On Sunday, August 11, at 6pm, *Upstream*, a band originating in the republic of Trinidad and Tobago, plays an energetic blend of "Island Music," influenced by Reggae, Techno, Funk, Hip Hop and Soca. Upstream includes three sons of the venerable originator of Soca music, the late Ras Shorty I. The group has been the opener for acts such as REM, Dave Matthews Band, The Wailers, Harvey Danger, Inner Circle, Wailing Souls and Jimmy Buffett to name a few.

Shakespeare in the Park:

The Newport Beach City Arts Commission once again presented a weekend of lively Shakespearean entertainment with two different productions at the Bonita Canyon Sports Park. On Saturday, July 20, attendees enjoyed *King John*, a poetic and powerful tale of a country's struggle to unite under a single legitimate ruler. On Sunday, July 21, trickery and charades abounded in the raucous comedy *All's Well That Ends Well*. Attendance for the two performances is estimated at 1300.

Cultural Arts and Arts Commission Meetings & Events Calendar, 2013

2013 Arts Commission Meetings:

~~January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11,~~ August 8, September 12,
October 10, November 14, December 12.

Programs and Events:

Concerts in the Parks

Sunday, August 11 – *Upstream*
Civic Center Green
6-7:30pm

Library Cultural Arts Events:

Sunday Musicales:

September 8th - *MAPS* - Chapman Conservatory of Music faculty members Gary Matsuura and Albert Alva, along with pianist Gerry Schroeder and bassist Jack Prather present a program of swinging and melodious original jazz compositions.