levitt pavilion for the performing arts
summer season 2015 at-a-glance

june 28 - august 30
plus september events!

over 50 nights of free music, arts & entertainment under the stars!

note: all shows are free except for
don felder - an evening at the hotel california, saturday, july 25
little river band, friday august 14
dma’s blues, views & bbq festival, september 5-6

for more information, visit levittpavilion.com

***program current as of august 21, 2015***

sunday, june 28, 7pm: opening night: orleans
free with ticket, rain or shine. lawn opens to ticket-holders at 5:30; epstein stage dedication starts at 6:30.
orleans: the classic american pop-rock band will delight audiences with their top 10 hits including “dance with me,” “still the one” and “love takes time.”
sponsor: interstate lumber

tuesday, june 30, 7pm: the ken morr band
kenn’s songs have an elemental quality—water, earth, relationships, seasons, time, change, loss—like the great songwriters who inspired him early on: dylan, simon, van morrison, graham nash, and especially gordon lightfoot.

wednesday, july 1, 7pm: opening night of the melissa & doug children’s series starring justin roberts.
grammy nominated and winner of six national parenting publications (nappa) gold awards, “justin’s videos are currently in rotation on the preschool cable channel noggin - the kiddie singer equivalent of landing the cover of rolling stone” - entertainment weekly.

presented as part of the melissa & doug children’s series - every wednesday, kids rock and rule at the levitt pavilion!

thursday, july 2, 8pm: air national guard band of the northeast
a 42-piece ensemble of world class musicians and vocalists performing an exciting mix of band music including americana, movie themes, jazz favorites, classical and contemporary band music, and of course popular marches. connected with the air national guard, community relations events, and services as guest artists.

host: vfw, post 399, westport

friday, july 3: no performance. enjoy fireworks at compo beach sponsored by melissa & doug

saturday, july 4, 8pm: river city slim & the zydeco hogs
river city slim & the zydeco hogs bring the exuberant sounds of the steamy bayous of southwestern louisiana to new england. they cook up a spicy musical gumbo that will transform our lawn into a rockin’ louisiana dance party.
SUNDAY, JULY 5, 7PM: KAHULANUI
“A breath of fresh air” - KE OLA Magazine.
GRAMMY-nominated Kahulanui imports their transporting tropical-paradise-meets-big-band sound -
embracing swing’s brassy grace, the charm of the ukulele and lap steel, and breezy vocal harmonies -
and crafting dance-able tunes on traditional Hawaiian instruments.

MONDAY, JULY 6, 7PM: THE HALL FAMILY & FRIENDS
Not to be missed! Join Mary Ann, Bill, Emily and Daniel as they celebrate their 25th appearance at the
Levitt Pavilion with joyful songs, and special guests. Their award winning music will inspire you to sing
and dance all summer long.
Sponsor: Stew Leonard III Children’s Charities

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 7PM: WESTPORT COMMUNITY BAND
The sixty piece group performs a wide variety of music including concert band compositions, show
 tunes, marches, a little pop, and some classical.
Sponsor: Westport Parks & Recreation

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 7PM: HOT PEAS ‘N BUTTER
This band often seen on Nickelodeon and Noggin, and Winners of the 2006, 2008, 2009 and the
2012,"Parent's Choice Awards", combines an invigorating approach to performance with a unique
blend of Latin tunes, Afro-Caribbean rhythms, jazz, folk and rock, all intended to get children 4 and
older on their feet and dancing. Presented as part of the Melissa & Doug Children’s Series - every
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THURSDAY, JULY 9, 8PM: STAMFORD SYMPHONY BRASS QUINTET
The Stamford Symphony
The Stamfords Symphony
Brass Quintet will perform a repertoire of light classical, Broadway and Hollywood favorites. The is
Fairfield County’s only orchestra comprised solely of full-time, professional musicians; their players also
perform with the orchestras of the Metropolitan Opera, the New York City Ballet, the American
Symphony Orchestra, the New York Pops, the Orchestra of St. Luke’s, the Orpheus Chamber
Orchestra, and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 8PM: PETEY HOP & the Jackrabbits with the CT Blues Society Revue
Petey & the Jackrabbits will have us Rockin’ & Rollin’, Hoppin’ & Boppin’ all night long! Pete’s music
runs the gamut from straight up Rock & Roll to Americana, Electric and Acoustic Blues to
Singer/songwriter, and Alternative music.

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 8SP: PROFILE REGGAE BAND
Reggae is what they do, but this versatile band can mix it up with best of them from jazz to calypso to
reggae and a little crossover to guarantee and evening of fun. The road they have traveled is paved
with legendary reggae music of the past which influence what they do today.

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 7PM: THE BARONS
The Barons are one of the tri-state's hottest "oldies" groups with over 30 years of performing
experience, combined with the area’s top musicians. The Barons are known for their 1963 hits, "Pledge
of A Fool", "Remember Rita" on Epic Records, and "Possibility”, on Old Town Records under the name
of The Crowns. Let The Barons take you back in time!
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TUESDAY, JULY 14, 7PM: CONNECTICUT BALLET
Founded in 1981, Connecticut Ballet is the state's professional ballet company, performing a diverse repertoire of new works, masterworks, and great story ballets. The company's artistic mission is the presentation of the highest quality professional classical and contemporary ballet.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 7PM: BARI KORAL FAMILY ROCK BAND
Dubbed the "IT girl' in kids/family music" by NY Magazine and the "Sheryl Crow for kids" by the NY Post, Bari’s songs are a huge hit with children and adults. Her catchy, pop friendly tunes, interactive live shows & heavy rotation radio play have gained her literally thousands of young (and not so young!) fans. Presented as part of the Melissa & Doug Children’s Series - every Wednesday, kids rock and rule at the Levitt Pavilion!

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 8PM: CEDRIC WATSON & BIJOU CREOLE
One of the brightest young talents to emerge in Cajun, Creole and Zydeco (Louisiana French) music over the last decade, Cedric Watson is a four-time Grammy-nominated fiddler, singer, accordionist & songwriter with seemingly unlimited potential.

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 8PM: NEW YORK CITY SWING
Unparalleled versatility, and world class musicians make New York City Swing the gold-standard in entertainment. They have graced the parties of countless Fortune 500 Companies, and performed for such notable clients as Michael Eisner, Oprah Winfrey, Ted Turner, and Presidential Inaugurals for George Bush and Bill Clinton.
Sponsor: Matsu Sushi

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 8PM: BACK TO THE GARDEN 1969
Celebrating the music and spirit of the Woodstock Festival, the band presents the great variety of classic sounds associated with the now legendary event, including acoustic and electric rock, acid rock, folk music, and soul. The musical performances are a tribute to the artists who made Woodstock great.

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 7PM: DR. K'S MOTOWN REVUE
Coming to us from Lincoln Center's Midsummer Night Swing, this outstanding band of musicians and singers takes you on a very realistic journey of the Motown sound, and makes you want to sing along on every familiar song they play. We encourage you to dance to one of America’s most loved musical gifts! “Celebration Sundays” Sponsor: Jewish Senior Services

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 7PM: FAIRFIELD COUNTS
Longtime Levitt Pavilion favorites, the Fairfield Counts keep the music of the Big Band era alive. You'll hear all of the big band classics from Fletcher Henderson in the '20s to Woody Herman in the '80s. As was said of the Counts in the New York Times, it's like walking into a ballroom dance out of the past, and it is wonderful."
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 7PM: DANNY WEINKAUF
In addition to his composition work, Danny records and tours with the multi GRAMMY winning/platinum selling band *They Might Be Giants*. His work with TMBG includes writing songs for their children's albums No!, Here Come the 1,2,3s, and Here Comes Science (all RIAA Gold certified).

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THURSDAY, JULY 23, 8PM: WENDY MAY BAND
Wendy May has been entertaining audiences at fairs, festivals, clubs and concerts for over 20 years. Having created an exciting new pop/rock sound, the Wendy May Band always delivers an energy-filled refreshing show with an edge.

FRIDAY, JULY 7/24: NO PERFORMANCE.

SATURDAY, JULY 25: DON FELDER & AN EVENING AT THE HOTEL CALIFORNIA
**TICKETED FUNDRAISING EVENT.** Four-time GRAMMY Award winner, Don Felder is renowned as a former lead guitarist of The Eagles, one of the most popular and influential rock groups of our time. The band's record-setting compilation Their Greatest Hits (1971-1975) sold over 29 million copies in the U.S. alone and was awarded by the RIAA the top-selling album of the 20th Century. Proceeds help to underwrite our free summer season! The Gala will honor The Plotkin Family for their outstanding and longstanding support of the Levitt Pavilion.

**Sponsors: Roz & Bud Siegel, Tiffany & Co., Liefer Properties**
**Concert-only tickets from $55 / $45 (members) and Gala tickets from $250 / $225 (members)**

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 7PM: INCENDIO
The LA based band creates a swirl of multiple Latin American music forms with just the right touch of jazz improvisation and dynamics, and the sizzling result is what one Incendio fan calls "edge-of-your-seat music". News! Incendio’s new CD “The Shape of Dreams” has been nominated for the Independent Music Awards. **“Celebration Sundays” Sponsor: Jewish Senior Services**

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 7PM: COMEDY CLUB I
Sit down for stand-up! Treehouse Comedy Club, “One of Connecticut’s Best Nightspots” (Connecticut Magazine), delivers their funniest stand-up comedians for a night of laughs under the stars! **PG13.**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 7PM: SUZI SHELTON
Suzi Shelton is an award-winning NYC singer/songwriter and performer who has been making catchy and meaningful music for families for more than a decade. She has performed at such prestigious venues as The White House, Symphony Space and Lincoln Center, and is a favorite among the hip tot set in her home turf of Park Slope, Brooklyn. **Presented as part of the Melissa & Doug Children’s Series - every Wednesday, kids rock and rule at the Levitt Pavilion!**
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 8PM: MILL RIVER BAND -- Rescheduled to Aug 4.
Discriminating music fans continue to enjoy Mill River’s unique blend of acoustic rock, country blues and western swing. The eclectic group performing on guitar, fiddle, mandolin and percussion, and singing three-part harmony, has a 60-song repertoire ranging from the Grateful Dead to the Beatles.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 8PM: THE SWEET REMAINS
This unusual band is headed by 3-gifted and charismatic singer-songwriters, each of whom contribute to the writing and 3-part harmonies that define the band's sound. Driven by strong lyrical and melodic writing, their songs easily appeal to fans of modern folk-rockers like Jason Mraz, Ray Lamontagne, and John Mayer.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 8PM: EARLY CLOVER
Back again by popular demand, the former Coasters' lead singer pays tribute to Marvin Gaye, Sam Cooke, Nat King Cole and Otis Redding and more. A spectacular live show and Levitt Pavilion favorite!
Sponsor: Evi Allen Special Program Fund

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 7PM: ARTHUR LIPNER & BRASILIAN VIBES
Arthur has emerged as one of the leading vibes and marimba voices of today. As such he is one of the few musicians carrying the message of jazz mallets into the 21st century. His live performances and recorded projects convey an exuberant drive of creativity and depth.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 7PM: MILL RIVER BAND

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 7PM: OKEE DOKEE BROTHERS
GRAMMY Award winners this year for Best Children’s Music Album, the Okee Dokee Brothers put passion for the outdoors at the heart of their Americana Folk music. Their nationwide fan base is drawn to their witty lyrics, strong musicianship and unique folk style. In addition to music awards too numerous to mention, their “Through the Woods” movie was named Best Short Comedy in the Somewhat North of Boston film festival, and official selections in Queen City, Providence, Vail, Maryland International, and Bangladesh International Children’s Film Festivals.
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 8PM: OLD SCHOOL REVUE'S SUMMER SOUL SERENADE
This sizzling R&B special stars Tom Bowes (Tower of Power) with back-up by the Saugatuck Horns and featuring the music of Steely Dan, Stevie Wonder and Tower of Power.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 8PM: DJ REKHA
DJ Rekha performs at a monthly event known as Basement Bhangra at SOB's on Varick Street. Since its launch in 1997, Basement Bhangra has popularized the traditional-modern bhangra blend, making the genre a part of the NYC club scene. Newsweek recognized her as one of the most influential South Asians in the US, and she has received accolades from The New York Times, CNN, The Fader, The Village Voice, and The Washington Post, among others.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 8PM: DOUG WAHLBERG
Doug and his band bring an incredible energy and sound to every stage they rock. Their music – a unique brand of classic guitar rock and roll – has traveled international airwaves and stages. We may have to batten down our tensile roof!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 7PM: PEACHERINE RAGTIME SOCIETY ORCHESTRA
Peacherine is one of America’s few professional ensembles dedicated to the preservation and performance of America’s first popular music. After their appearances at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Smithsonian Institution, they were hailed by the Washington Post as "the premier American ragtime ensemble."
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 7PM: VAL RAMOS FLAMENCO ENSEMBLE
This outstanding ensemble is one of the best Flamenco fusion groups in the United States. They represent the best of contemporary Flamenco music, song, and dance. They have been lauded by critics as “a hidden treasure of the Flamenco world in the Americas…superb musicianship” - Flamenco Connection, and “simply brilliant” - Flamenco Buzz.com.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 7PM: SECRET AGENT 23 SKIDOO
A 2015 GRAMMY nomination! More Fraggles than Wiggles, more Soul Train than Thomas the Train, 23 Skidoo is equal parts Dr. Seuss and Dr. Dre! His albums and shows are a cornucopia of creativity, mixing a wide spectrum of genres into multi instrumental, musically sophisticated, lyrically intelligent house party classics.
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 13: No performance.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 8PM: LITTLE RIVER BAND
 TICKETED FUNDRAISING EVENT. Considered to be one of Australia’s most significant bands, worldwide album and CD sales now top 30 million. They also set a record for having Top 10 hits for 6 consecutive years…the first band to achieve that mark. The current lineup brings new energy and arrangements to the classic hits, making new memories for the audience out of each live performance. It’s always fun to watch as people are swept up by the show’s vitality and the volume of hits from LRB’s history. You’ll see plenty of people mouthing the words…”I love this song…I forgot it was one of Little River Band’s hits!” Proceeds help to underwrite our free summer season!
Concert tickets from $45 / $35 (members)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 8PM: PETE MOLINARI
“If you don’t know anything about him, he’s great” – Bruce Springsteen. Coming to you from his performance at NYC’s City Winery, the young musician is fast establishing himself as one of the UK’s most exciting musical talents. Influenced by the 1960s’ folk of Leadbelly, Hank Williams, and Woody Guthrie, he has honed his craft in the legendary blues clubs of the East Village.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 7PM: TIZER QUARTET
Tizer has a multi-genre, multi-national appeal that expands beyond just jazz enthusiasts. Lao Tizer’s group’s diverse resume includes performance slots alongside Zappa Plays Zappa, Jethro Tull, Isaac Hayes, Al Jarreau, Spyro Gyra, George Benson, Soulive, Babyface, Bruce Hornsby and Robin Thicke.
Sponsor: Nevas Law Group

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 7PM: COMEDY CLUB II
Sit down for another stand-up! Treehouse Comedy Club, “One of Connecticut’s Best Nightspots” (Connecticut Magazine), delivers their funniest stand-up comedians for a night of laughs under the stars! PG13.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 7PM: JEFFREY FRIEDBERG & THE BOSSY FROG BAND
The Bossy Frog Band thrill young audiences with their 100% interactive, over-the-top, banjo-driven, costume-character-dancing musical performance. Their show has been enjoyed by over 100,000 children and families and their latest recording, "15 Songs Every Kid Should Know (and will LOVE!)," is a Parents' Choice Award winning album! Presented as part of the Melissa & Doug Children’s Series - every Wednesday, kids rock and rule at the Levitt Pavilion!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 8PM: FRANNIE SOUTHWORTH WITH “HEART & SOUL”
Frannie Southworth with “Heart & Soul” are a group of professional singers and musicians with extraordinary musical backgrounds who have performed together for many years. Their music spans from the 1920’s to current songs and offers something for everyone.
Sponsor: Westport Parks & Recreation

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 8PM: GENEVIEVE - with JESSE TERRY opening!
Songwriter and the former front-woman of Chicago indie rock band, Company of Thieves, Genevieve emerges right before your ears, as a singer, as a woman, as a beacon of empowerment, and as an independent artist with a singular voice poised to change the musical landscape.
Sponsor: Westport Young Woman’s League

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 8PM: SERYN
An up and coming indie folk-pop band out of Nashville with a brilliant understanding of pleasing a crowd with chilling harmonies and flawless dynamics. Their latest album Silver Shadows was released in February. Seryn’s live presence—with each member swapping instruments and all five singing choruses at the top of their lung—can best be described as joyful.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 7PM: JAMES LANGTON’S NEW YORK ALL-STAR BIG BAND
Since their sold out appearance at Lincoln Center's Midsummer Night Swing festival in 2014, the band has been setting toes-a-tapping at the iconic Rainbow Room atop Rockefeller Center. “This dance party pays tribute to the King of Swing, Benny Goodman, with music that features members of Goodman's own ensemble led by clarinetist Dan Levinson” - Timeout NY.
*****Special Tribute to The Westport Rotary before the show!*****
*****ADDED: 6PM performance by The Survivors Swing Band*****
*****NOTE: The Terrace will be reserved for dancing all evening!*****

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25: NO PERFORMANCE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 6PM: JAY & RAY’S BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIAL
NOTE EARLY START TIME!!! This super-fun high-energy concert features all-original songs by these two exceedingly accomplished musicians - PLUS THERE WILL BE A VERY SPECIAL SURPRISE GUEST!!! “Expect the unexpected!” - Richard Wiese, Host, Huff Post’s Born to Explore. 
Presented as part of the Melissa & Doug Children’s Series - every Wednesday, kids rock and rule at the Levitt Pavilion! Due to 6PM concert start time, the Lawn, concession and on-site face-painting and Melissa & Doug Hospitality tents will open at 5PM.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 8PM: GUNSMOKE | A NIGHT AT THE OPRY
Gunsmoke is enshrined into the Connecticut country music hall of fame, the country music and dance hall of fame in Mount Kisco, NY and elected band of the year six years in a row by the New York Metro Country Music Association. They have performed for two sitting Presidents of the United States and received a citation from the state of Connecticut commemorating the band's silver anniversary of 25 years entertaining audiences with classic country music.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 8PM: BRIGHTSIDE
Influenced by singer/songwriter legends such as Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, and Bob Marley, Clayton Joseph Scott steps in the path of modern roots/rock performers, like the great Michael Franti, to deliver a positive message, while invigorating audiences of all cultures to dance with a purpose. 
**Sponsor: Patrick & Ashley Farrar Ashe**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 8PM: LUKE WADE
Following his rise to fame on NBC’s *The Voice*, Luke Wade is sharing his unique charm and soulful voice with audiences across the nation. A Texas native, Wade embeds each of his infectious melodies with honest lyrics and southern humility. The spring release of “The River” and a swell of media coverage have prompted renewed comparison to the likes of Ray LaMontagne.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 7PM: CHRIS BERARDO & THE DESBERARDOS
The DB’s fiery live performances, renowned among their fans for beautiful acoustic moments alongside the wild rockers and whiskey-laced jams, all held together by the jangly guitars, chiming mandolin and Chris' melodic, soulful vocals. "Riding straight out of a tequila sunrise and into the arms of an adoring crowd, this band hits all the right notes to appeal to Jackson Browne and Eagles fans everywhere" - The Studio City Sun.
**Sponsor: Honda of Westport**

*******************************************************************************Special Events this September!!!*******************************************************************************

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5-6: 8TH ANNUAL BLUES, VIEWS & BBQ FESTIVAL
In 2008, the Westport Downtown Merchants Association decided to bring some good old southern charm to the town of Westport, CT and pioneered the Blues Views & BBQ Festival. Blues, Views & BBQ is a swingin’ street party, complete with tantalizing tastes and soulful sounds – and we invite you to join the fun. Tickets required; for full details, visit the Official Festival website at www.bluesviewsbbq.com
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 8PM: ANNUAL DNR TRIBUTE CONCERT
A special tribute to First Responders and Westport's Volunteer EMS. Fairfield County's (Almost) All Physician Rock Band plays an infectious mix of rock, Motown, oldies, and contemporary hits. Donations welcome: All proceeds will be directed to the Westport Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
Sponsor: Matsu Sushi

LEVITT PAVILION POLICIES

Note: Lawn and Concession open to the public one hour before show-time. Picnics welcome. Facility is closed to public during load-in and sound-check.

For free shows, our standard Rain Location is the Saugatuck Auditorium, located at 170 Riverside Avenue in Westport. In case of inclement weather, check the website (www.levittpavilion.com) or call the concert hotline (203-221-2153) at or after 4PM the day of the show for location status.

An on-site concession will be open for all shows, and picnics are still welcome, of course.

The Levitt Pavilion and its perimeter is a non-smoking area.

Pets are not allowed - with the exception of service animals with proof of registration.

Current as of July 10. Schedule subject to change.
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