

Stockton Rocks the Mainland: Summer Concerts at Atlantic County Institute of Technology

PAC Presents The Lettermen, Micky Dolenz, Dickey Betts & Great Southern

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Galloway, NJ - The Stockton Performing Arts Center "Rocks the Mainland" this summer, presenting three concerts at The Atlantic County Institute of Technology (ACIT) auditorium in Mays Landing, NJ.

The ACIT Performing Arts Center is a 974-seat, state-of-the-art facility. The theater has all digital controls for the lighting, sound and fly (rigging) systems, as well as a motorized orchestra pit that goes from stage level to the basement. Listening assistance is available for patrons upon request.

"We thought it was time for a little summer fun on the mainland and we're delighted to introduce our friends and neighbors to ACIT's beautiful venue," said Interim Dean Lisa Honaker of Stockton's School of Arts and Humanities.

"We are thrilled to host the Stockton Summer Concert Series at the new ACIT Performing Arts Center," said Superintendent Dr. Philip J. Guenther, of the Atlantic County Vocational School District. "Our vision for this state-of-the-art facility was to create an exceptional learning environment for our students enrolled in the Academy of Performing Arts and to provide an outstanding venue for Atlantic County residents and visitors to enjoy live performances. The Stockton Summer Concert series is an extraordinary opportunity to achieve these goals."

Atlantic County Institute of Technology is a high school that offers rewarding hands-on experiences and learning opportunities preparing Atlantic County students for higher education as well as immediate job opportunities. ACIT offers the complete high school experience,

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with a large curriculum, athletics and an active staff dedicated to its students' success.

These concerts are the largest event held at the site so far, and are part of the opening of ACIT's Performing Arts Center, Superintendent Guenther said at a press conference today. The site will be used by students and also for public meetings and performances.

The ACIT center offers free parking, making that more convenient than concerts held in shore towns, said Suzé DiPietro, director of Stockton's PAC.

DiPietro said the Monday night concerts should be "an economic driver" for the area, since "800 people will be looking around for places to eat" in Mays Landing

She said the partnership between Stockton and the Atlantic County Institute of Technology "speaks to the college's mission of reaching out to communities and building relationships."

The entertainment lineup there this summer is: The Lettermen on Monday, July 21, 2014; former Monkees member Micky Dolenz on Monday, July 28; and Dickey Betts & Great Southern on Monday, Aug. 4. Show time is 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$37 and may be ordered online at <u>www.stockton.edu/pac</u> or by calling the Box Office at (609) 652-9000. The Box Office is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stockton PAC and 90 minutes before the performance at ACIT. Parking is free.

The Lettermen will perform such memorable hits as "Turn Around, Look At Me," "Love," "Theme From A Summer Place" and "When I Fall In Love," on July 21. The Lettermen are one of the most romantic singing groups of the 1960s.

'Monkee' around on July 28 with **Micky Dolenz**, who will perform such great hits as "I'm A Believer," "Last Train to Clarksville" and "<u>(I'm Not Your) Steppin' Stone</u>." The Monkees' debut single, "Last Train to Clarksville," featuring Micky on lead vocals, hit the charts Sept. 10, 1966 and rocketed to number one.

Ultimately, The Monkees have sold in excess of 65 million units and enjoyed worldwide success. Their first four albums: "The Monkees" (1966); "More of the Monkees" (1967); "Headquarters" (1967); and "Pisces, Aquarius, Capricorn & Jones, Ltd." (1967) all reached number one on the charts and launched three number-one singles: "Last Train to Clarksville," "I'm a Believer" (with lead vocals by Micky), and "Daydream Believer." The group's first five albums also went platinum.

Music legend **Dickey Betts & Great Southern** will rock the house on Aug. 4, with their blistering blues rock. Dickey Betts & Great Southern does smoking Southern rock like no other band. Dickey Betts is a founding member of the Allman Brothers Band. Along with being one of the most influential guitar players of all time, Betts is credited as both writing and singing the group's biggest hit, "Ramblin' Man."

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Having helped define the genre, Dickey Betts & Great Southern continue to tour and break new ground in the grand tradition of great Southern Rock. He also wrote "In Memory of Elizabeth Reed," "Revival" and "Jessica."

Tickets are now on sale for the summer concerts - go to: <u>Stocktonpac.org</u> or call the Box Office (609) 652-9000, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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The Richard Stockton College Performing Arts Center is located in the M-Wing of the college's main campus at 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205-9441 **Box Office: 609-652-9000**



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