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Music in the Park: City of Richardson's Cottonwood Art Festival Showcases Local Talent

The festival features a variety of musical performances October 1-2, 2016

RICHARDSON, TX—September 20, 2016 – Local and regional musicians will once again take the stage at the **City of Richardson's Cottonwood Art Festival** on October 1-2, 2016. With performances across a variety of musical genres - jazz, country, rock, pop, folk and more - the semi-annual, prestigious art show aims to offer something for everyone.

"What makes Cottonwood so unique is the immense talent participating at the festival," said Serri Ayers, superintendent of community events, City of Richardson. "Not only can attendees see museum-quality exhibits by top visual artists, they can listen to amazing singer-songwriters, local bands and musicians. Visitors can experience art and music in one place."

Musical performances will be held on the Main Stage and the Food Court Stage. Food, beer, wine and frozen margaritas will be available for purchase. Festival goers can relax and enjoy the beautiful courtyard that borders Cottonwood Lake.

The schedule of performances includes:

Saturday, October 1st:

On the Courtyard Main Stage -

- **Noel Kerns** (10:45 a.m.) - Kern's repertoire is a living soundtrack of the past four decades, including classics from rock legends to



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Whiskey Prophets



Noel Kerns



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newer artists. His performances are true to the spirit of the originals, but with a distinctive style.

- **The Whiskey Prophets** (12:15 p.m.) - Capturing the sounds of Texas, The Whiskey Prophets bring a fun, exciting energy all their own.
- **Rosana Eckert Quintet** (2:15 p.m.) – An internationally recognized live and studio vocalist, published songwriter and arranger, voice-over actor, and master teacher of jazz and voice, Eckert is a musician that wears many hats. The local Jazz treasure performs a collection of original songs and jazz arrangements.
- **Counterfeit Radio** (4:15 p.m.) – Business men by day, rockers at night, Counterfeit Radio performs a collection of rock and pop favorites.

On the Food Court Stage-

- **Martin Mitchell** (11 a.m.) – Martin Mitchell takes old rock standards, and a few newer tunes, and makes them new favorites. With a guitar, some electronic wizardry, and a vocal range in the deep end, Mitchell builds entire vistas of musical expression that take shape and mesmerize audiences.
- **London Lawhon** (1 p.m.) – A talented artist with a powerful range, the 17-year-old pop singer-songwriter's soulful music touches the heart with power, hauntingly beautiful tones and intense emotion.

Sunday, October 2nd:

On the Courtyard Main Stage:

- **Kelsey Lewis** (10 a.m.) – As the 2016 Belk Southern Musician Showcase Winner, Lewis has performed at several of the premiere venues in North Texas. Her original music has been coined as "Vintage Futuristic" – a perfect collection of fun, inspiring and upbeat tunes.
- **Sweet Crooner** (11:30 a.m.) - The two-man, '50's Rock n' Roll Tribute honors Elvis to Everly, Chuck Berry, Fats Dominoe, Little Richard, Buddy Holly, Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent, The Big



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Jon Christopher Davis



The Selkie Girls



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Bopper, and more. The rockin' duo brings a whole lotta sweeeeeet croonin'!

- **The Selkie Girls** (1:30 p.m.) - The Selkie Girls have quickly and firmly established themselves as one of the premier folk music acts in the North Texas region. Their take on the Celtic music tradition, built upon lush vocal harmonies and dynamic instrumental arrangements, always captivates audiences.
- **Jon Christopher Davis** (3:30 p.m.) – As a multi-published songwriter and alt-country artist, the Dallas-born artist performs heartland-country-rock songs.



Sweet Crooner

On the Food Court Stage-

- **Martin Mitchell** (11 a.m.) – Performing a wide-variety of musical genres, from Stephen Stills to Sting, Mitchell delivers a great acoustic rock 'n' roll show.
- **Todd Barrow** (1 p.m.) – A self-proclaimed music lover, Barrow is an accomplished musician, songwriter, and producer. He favors the stories, people and hearts strung together by ole' fashioned country music.



Todd Barrow

About Richardson's Cottonwood Art Festival

Now in its 47th year, the semi-annual Cottonwood Art Festival is a juried show. Jurors have selected more than 240 artists to exhibit their museum-quality work at the festival. The artists compete in 14 categories: 2D Mixed Media, 3D Mixed Media, Ceramics, Digital, Drawings/Pastels, Fiber, Glass, Jewelry, Leather, Metalwork, Painting, Photography, Sculpture and Wood. The artists' works are available for purchase, as are food and beverages.

- The festival will be held Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, October 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Cottonwood Park is located at 1321 W. Belt Line Rd., one block east of Coit Road in Richardson, TX.
- Parking and admission are free.

Whether shopping for art, listening to music, enjoying the outdoors, or making art of your own – Cottonwood has something for everyone. For more information, go to:

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