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## **The City of Richardson's Cottonwood Art Festival Announces Musical Entertainment Lineup**

***Local musicians take the stage May 6-7, 2017***

**RICHARDSON, Texas – April 24, 2017**—The City of Richardson announces the entertainers who will take the stage at the annual Cottonwood Art Festival, to be held May 6-7, 2017 at Cottonwood Park in Richardson. A premier art show in North Texas, the event will offer music in a variety of genres including rock, country, jazz, blues, swing and folk.

Performances will be held on the Lakeside Courtyard Main Stage and the Food Court Stage. Craft beer, wine and frozen margaritas will be available for purchase.

The schedule of performances includes:

### **Saturday, May 6:**

#### ***Courtyard Main Stage***

- **Gunplugged (10:45 a.m.):** Jerry Don Branch and Steve Locke unplugged on acoustic guitars.
- **Warehouse – A Dave Matthews Tribute Band (12:15 p.m.):** A Dallas/Fort Worth-based tribute band formed in 2013, Warehouse includes Brent Burke (lead vocalist and acoustic guitar); Josh Dutton (bass); Bobby Ysaguirre (drums/vocals); Dr. Chris Beaty (woodwind extraordinaire, percussion and background vocals); and Sly Tanenbaum (violin).
- **Sweet Crooner (2:15 p.m.):** A unique tribute to the very best of



**The Free Loaders**



**Gunplugged**



**London Lawhon**

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1950s and early 1960s rock 'n' roll, Ted Levin (vox, guitar, harmonica and tambourines) and Mark Deffebach (upright, bass and kick drum) will take you back to the good old days.

- **Mr. Inez Band (4:15 p.m.):** A local Dallas band formed in 2003, they specialize in unique arrangements of cover songs. The band members include: Johnny Hooper (vocals/lead guitar); Danny Grogan (bass); Barry Hicks (vocals/keyboard); Mike Medina (vocals/percussion/keyboard); Drew Hunter (drums); Debby Hooper (vocals); Kay Sharpe (vocals); and David Giangiulio (sound engineer).

## ***Food Court Stage***

- **Davis & Rose (11 a.m.):** A two-piece acoustic group that plays “acoustic decaffeinated guitar music,” band members Chip Davis and Monte Rose’s music includes original songs and covers of many artists across different music genres.
- **Darrin Kobetich (1 p.m.):** Fort Worth-based guitarist Darrin Kobetich, who aptly calls his folk music “ambient delta raga thrash grass,” has spent more than a decade performing solo. He has fully integrated all the aspects of his musical persona into a single, seamless entity.

## **Sunday, May 7:**

### ***Courtyard Main Stage***

- **Victor Andrada (10 a.m.):** Vocalist, guitarist and songwriter Victor Andrada plays an easy listening mix of jazz, blues, Latin and swing-influenced music.
- **Ashley Bradberry (11:30 a.m.):** Country music singer Ashley Bradberry’s sound infuses country, Americana, rock and roots.
- **James Mahler (1:30 p.m.):** James Mahler is a classically-trained violinist who writes his own music while also playing covers of pop and electronic music.



**Darrin Kobetich**



**Ashley Bradberry**



**Davis & Rose**



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- **The Free Loaders (3:30 p.m.):** A Dallas-based blues/jazz band, The Free Loaders play music from the 1900's to current tunes.. Led by graveled voice crooner John Jay Myers, the band can morph from three to up to eight members depending on needs and budget. Their most common lineup is as a six-piece band including two singers, drums, guitar, keyboard, bass and two horns.

### ***Food Court Stage***

- **Landon Lawhon (11 a.m.):** Eighteen-year-old pop singer/songwriter from Houston with a soulful tone and powerful range, London has played shows in Houston, Dallas and Los Angeles.
- **Victor Andrada (1 p.m.):** Vocalist, guitarist and songwriter Victor Andrada plays an easy listening mix of jazz, blues, Latin and swing-influenced music.

### **Event dates and location:**

- Dates:           Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
                          Sunday, May 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Location:       Cottonwood Park  
                          1321 W. Belt Line Rd. Richardson, TX

### **About Cottonwood Art Festival**

Now in its 48<sup>th</sup> 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.

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:

- [www.CottonwoodArtFestival.com](http://www.CottonwoodArtFestival.com)
- Facebook – [www.facebook.com/CottonwoodArtFestival](https://www.facebook.com/CottonwoodArtFestival)
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