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Live @ The Lighthouse 2021 Music Festival Series Announces 3 FREE Concerts – Kicking off with Reggae Festival

(June 2021) – [The Fairport Harbor Arts & Culture Alliance](#) proudly announces that music on the hill is back for 2021 with the invigorated FREE Live @ The Lighthouse Music Festival Series.

Reggae in the Harbor

The first concert event of the year is slated for Saturday, July 10th and it will be a Reggae music lover's dream. The headliner is [Carlos Jones and the P.L.U.S. Band](#). They'll take the main stage at 7:30 pm, which is located at the Lighthouse Amphitheater behind the [Fairport Harbor Marine Museum and Lighthouse](#) (301 Huntington Drive). Opening acts include the Land of Panda who'll kick-off the day at 3:00 pm followed by the Quasi Kings starting at 5:00 pm.

Carlos Jones has been entertaining audiences for over 35 years throughout the eastern half of the United States, first as a member of the roots Reggae group "I-Tal", and then with the legendary "First Light", before finally pursuing a solo career with his current group – the Peace, Love, Unity Syndicate (aka "The P.L.U.S. Band"). Choosing to focus on bringing a positive message with his music, Carlos has continued to win a diverse group of new fans everywhere he plays.

Formed in 2017, Akron's [Land of Panda](#) released its self-titled debut album two years ago and has regularly performed around Northeast Ohio ever since. They recently released a new single titled "Burn the Fire" from their upcoming sophomore album expected later in 2021 which is available via all streaming platforms.

Often described as "Progressive Reggae", [The Quasi Kings](#) formed in Columbus, OH in 2016, the band has quickly "cemented its place as the sprawling, multi-instrumental next generation of Columbus reggae." (Columbus Dispatch). Their debut EP "Throwaway Culture" was released in 2018 and showcases a unique blend of roots reggae and modern styles, while emphasizing strong songwriting and vocal harmonies. Their ever-evolving, engaging live shows maintain high energy, precision sound, and traces of improvisation. The Quasi Kings are currently focusing on a full-length album set to release in the summer of 2021.

Chris Pinta, FHACA Co-Chair said, "It doesn't get much better than enjoying live music with Lake Erie and the Fairport Harbor West Lighthouse as back-drops, a cool lake breeze, food, drinks and a spectacular sunset." He went on to say, "Concert goers can come and see why Fairport Harbor feels #lifeisbetterinabeachtown."

More Than Music

Concert goers will be able to purchase food from local food trucks including the [Wild Spork](#) (100% plant-based vegan), Jackpot Chicken (award-winning wings and comfort food) and Kona Ice (flavored shaved ice). Additionally, beer and wine will be available for purchase and consumption on-site. Interested sponsors, vendors and food trucks can find info at fhaca.org.

Leading up to the concert, attendees can visit the local shops, eateries and the [Lake Metroparks Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park](#). The best part is all of the events and locations mentioned are within walking distance of the amphitheater! A [Fairport Harbor Visitors map](#) is available online at fhaca.org or you can pick-up one at a local Fairport business.

Jerry Garcia's 79th Birthday Celebration and Fall Funky Jam

FHACA has two additional music festivals scheduled in Fairport Harbor. Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 1st, as we host a Jerry Garcia Birthday Celebration. In honor of what would have been Jerry Garcia's 79th birthday, a trio of bands will take the stage; Papa Bear at 2 pm, Sunshine Daydream at 3:30 and then Dupree's Dead Band will play two sets from 6:30 – 10.

Dupree's Dead Band is a Northeast Ohio Grateful Dead tribute with a play list of over 250 songs in their rotation with more added monthly. Dupree's Dead Band pays tribute by paying attention to the details of the Grateful Dead's expansive live catalog. They are also known to recreate entire setlists performed by the Grateful Dead based on a date. Bobby does Bobby, Jerry does Jerry, and down the road they go!

On Saturday, September 25th, it'll be a perfect autumn day to enjoy the Fall Funky Jam. Music Festival attendees can jam with the Pillars of Rome, Jul Big Green, Willie Phoenix and Broccoli Samurai. The fall

line-up will start at 2 pm with specific details being announced soon on fhaca.org and the fhaca Facebook page.

Willie Tharp, Director of Music said, “Not only do we have a unique music venue and location, the concerts are focused on originality.” As far as the events, he says, “These aren’t just concerts, these are basically 1-day festivals as it is rare to have 2 or 3 big bands play a free concert and the FHACA is actually bringing three of these events to Fairport Harbor.”

Check the fhaca.org website or Facebook page for event updates (bands and times subject to change) and other announcements. Thank you to our partners the Village of Fairport Harbor, Fairport Harbor Tourism Council, Fairport Harbor Public Library and the Fairport Harbor Marine Museum and Lighthouse.



ABOUT THE FAIRPORT HARBOR ARTS AND CULTURE ALLIANCE

The Fairport Harbor Arts and Culture Alliance (FHACA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Consisting of local small business owners and community leaders, it is dedicated to the support and growth of the arts and culture community in Fairport Harbor. For more information or to contact the Fairport Harbor Arts & Culture Alliance, go to fhaca.org.

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