

President's Message



Spring has sprung and summer is here which, of course, means the annual OC Fair is right around the corner. The 2006 OC Fair promises to be bigger and better than ever as we salute "Flower Power," and the year of the garden. The Fair will blossom with stunning floral exhibits as well as with exciting new entertainment offerings along with some old favorites.

In celebration of our theme, Centennial Farm will be in full bloom with overflowing beds of ripe produce and flowers. Additionally, fairgoers can keep track of their day with the massive flower clock on the slope outside Pacific Amphitheatre. And then if that's not enough, there's the Floral and Garden Gallery, and the Floral Pavilion. In case this all seems daunting and you think you might miss something, just look for the three twelve-foot garden gnomes to guide you.

To further our "green" theme, the Fuel Cell Exhibit, presented by the National Fuel Cell Research Center at the University

of California, Irvine, will demonstrate the functionality and the possible applications of fuel cells. The exhibit arrives at the OC Fair after being visited by almost two million guests when it premiered at the 2005 World Exposition in Aichi, Japan.

Of course, what would the OC Fair be without entertainment? We are excited to welcome AGA-BOOM! which can best be described as a theatre of physical comedy and circus arts. You have to see it to believe it and to see it, visit the AGA-BOOM! Theater.

Returning for a second year, the Stars of the Peking Acrobats will be performing on the Plaza Arts Stage, amazing fairgoers with strength, agility and acrobatics.

In addition to all this, we have the Washington Mutual Arena, which is hosting Speedway, the "Orange Crush" Demolition Derby, Ozomatli, the Fab Four, Jump 5, Jonas Brothers, Lucha Libre, and bull riding.

And finally, we have some of the biggest names in entertainment performing at the Pacific Amphitheatre. Old favorites such as Steve Miller Band and Paul Simon along with new names such as Switchfoot and All-American Rejects will delight audiences during the Pacific Amphitheatre Summer Concert Series presented by the OC Market Place.

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So, get ready, the 2006 OC Fair opens Friday, July 7. Visit www.ocfair.com for all the latest information.

*Peggy Haidl
President, Board of Directors
Orange County Fair & Exposition Center*

Culinary Arts Series Brings Food And Fun

Three culinary masters will use sugar, flavor and music in their first appearances at the OC Fair as part of this year's Culinary Arts Series each Thursday night on Plaza Arts Stage.

Appearing on July 13 at 5 p.m., **Warren Brown**, is a success story of a health care lawyer turned baker. After several years of professional work in the health care industry as a scholar, educator and lawyer, Brown found in 2000 that his true calling was as a baker. Now Brown's passion and delicious made-from-scratch sweets are enjoyed at his restaurant Love Cafe and bakery CakeLove, and on his Food Network TV show "Sugar Rush."

Rocco DiSpirito, who will hold center-stage on July 20 at 5 p.m., is a successful chef, author, entrepreneur, business owner and radio personality, but he is best known for his part in the hit reality-TV show, "The Restaurant". DiSpirito has used his spirit in the kitchen and flavor in his dishes to please audiences throughout the nation since 1995. He is the author of three cookbooks, "Flavor," "Rocco's Italian American," and the

recently released, "5 Minute Flavor."

Best known for his musical approach to cooking as The Singing Chef®, **Andy LoRusso**, July 27 at 5 p.m., combines a love of Italian cooking and songs. Since 1991, LoRusso has been serenading while marinating at a number of TV appearances, fairs, festivals and a variety of culinary events. He is the author of the popular cookbook, "Sing & Cook Italian."

All three chefs will immediately follow their appearances with an autograph signing and/or book sale.



Warren Brown



Rocco DiSpirito



Andy LoRusso

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Did You Know?

Discounted Fair admission is available through July 6.

Pacific Amphitheatre Nightly Summer Concert Series

Metal icons, **The Scorpions**, usher in the 2006 Pacific Amphitheatre season on Friday, June 30 at 7 p.m. The Scorpions conquered America with their 1982 release "Blackout" and cemented their place in rock and roll history with the follow-up, 1984's "Love at First Sting." Their latest release is 2004's "Unbreakable."

On Friday, July 7, at 7 p.m., **Switchfoot** performs at the Pacific Amphitheatre. The San Diego-based band, who won a 1999 Dove Award for Song of the Year for "New Way To Be Human," has attracted a loyal following since their 1997 debut release and continues to make new fans with their fifth and latest release, 2005's "Nothing Is Sound." Fullerton's **Lit** opens the show.

"Rock en espanol!" comes to the Pacific Amphitheatre with **Maldita Vecindad** and **Julieta Venegas** on Saturday, July 8 at 7 p.m. Mexico's Maldita Vecindad's second album, "El Circo," (1991) is becoming the best-selling album in Mexican history. Their latest release is 2002's "Juntos." Songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Julieta Venegas found commercial success on both sides of the border with her third album, 2003's "Sí." All tickets for this



The All-American Rejects perform July 26

show are \$19.99.

Touring in support of their successful second album "If Only You Were Lonely," emo quintet **Hawthorne Heights** performs on Sunday, July 9 at 7 p.m. Orlando, Florida's **Anberlin** opens the show.

Super-star vocalist **Linda Ronstadt** will grace the Pacific Amphitheatre on Tuesday, July 11 at 7 p.m., performing songs from her 60's and 70's period including such classics as "Desperado," "You're No Good," and "It's So Easy." Country-rock pioneer **Richie Furay**, formerly of Buffalo Springfield and Poco, will open the show.

Chris Isaak, performing Wednesday, July 12, at 7 p.m., hit the big time with his third release, "Heart Shaped World," after the single "Wicked Game"

appeared in David Lynch's 1990 film "Wild At Heart." All tickets for this show are \$19.99.

Comedian **Bill Cosby** brings his brand of wry humor to the Pacific Amphitheatre on Thursday, July 13 at 8 p.m. Cosby, an American institution, is best known for his humorous insights into family and marriage as well as for creating *The Cosby Show* and *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids*.

The Steve Miller Band returns to the Pacific Amphitheatre on Friday, July 14 at 8 p.m. Evolving from a top blues guitarist to one of the best-selling rock artists of the '70's, Steve Miller has been reinventing himself for over 35 years, scoring Top 40 hits with a string of radio staples such as "Rock'n

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Fuel Cell Exhibit Comes To OC Fair

Visitors to the 2006 OC Fair will be enveloped in the magic of the fuel cell and get a sneak peek into the future of energy with the U.S. premiere of The Fuel Cell Exhibit. Presented by the National Fuel Cell Research Center (NFCRC) at UC Irvine, The Fuel Cell Exhibit comes to the OC Fair after debuting at the 2005 World's Fair (EXPO 2005) in Aichi, Japan, where it was viewed by more than two million international visitors.

In addition to a one-minute animated video that explains how fuel cell technology works, the exhibit will feature a pictorial display of current and future technology. Fairgoers can also view a stationary fuel cell that has been modified for educational

purposes—one side has been replaced with see-through panels allowing for viewing of the internal components.

Exhibit visitors can also experience the power of the fuel cell in a semi-interactive display that demonstrates how heat generated by the fuel cell when creating energy can be used for other purposes, such as heating water.

Another exciting portion of the exhibit, which is 30 feet wide, 15 feet deep and 12 feet high, is a model home that shows fairgoers how a home of the future could be powered using solar power and fuel cell technology.

Since 1997, the NFCRC has focused on the research, development and testing of

the fuel cell and its potential applications in everyday living. The NFCRC was established in a cooperative agreement with Southern California Edison and commissioned by the U.S. Department of Energy and the California Energy Commission.

The Fuel Cell Exhibit will be on display all 21 days of the 2006 OC Fair (July 7-30) in the Orange County Building. The exhibit was made possible by a gift from Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.

For more information about the Fuel Cell Exhibit and the other exciting attractions at the 2006 OC Fair, visit www.ocfair.com. For more information about fuel cell research and NFCRC, visit www.nfrcr.uci.edu.

Two New Directors Join OC Fair Board

The Orange County Fair has added two new members to its nine-member Board of Directors. In March, Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Julie Vandermost of Laguna Niguel, and in May, he appointed Kristina Dodge of Monarch Beach.

Vandermost, who succeeded Luis Pulido, is the owner and president of Vandermost Consulting Services, as well as the co-owner of Vandermost and Carlson, a project management firm. She is also president of the California Women's Leadership Association (CWLA), which is comprised of businesswomen who work with public officials to effect positive change in their communities and government.

Dodge, who replaced Richard O'Neill, is co-founder of American Sterling Productions, Ltd., a motion picture production company. She is also the producer of "The Annihilation of Fish," a



Julie Vandermost

critically acclaimed film starring Lynn Redgrave, James Earl Jones and Margot Kidder that received numerous international



Kristina Dodge

film festival awards.

Both board members will serve four-year terms.

Clowning Around With AGA-BOOM!

The art of clowning won't be the same at the OC Fair after AGA-BOOM! showcases its theatre of physical comedy and circus acts this year. Scheduled for three shows nightly during the 21-day run of the OC Fair, AGA-BOOM! will offer fairgoers a unique experience of "the unbridled silliness of slapstick and the humor of physical comedy with theatrical expressionism, poetry and European avant-garde."

AGA-BOOM! is the creative brainchild of former Cirque Du Soleil performer

Dimitri Bogatirev. With a background in professional clowning and pantomime, Dimitri took his years of experience on and off the stage to create a "funhouse full of vivacious vignettes and interactive mayhem that erupts into the messiest grand finale ever to hit the stage."

Fairgoers of all ages will certainly enjoy the blend of clowning, theatre, music and comedy.

AGA-BOOM! will be performing nightly in the AGA-BOOM! Theatre. See the Daily Events Calendar for specific times.



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Me," "Jungle Love" and "Fly Like An Eagle."

On Saturday, July 15 at 8 p.m., Grammy-award winning artist Seal will bring his signature sound to Pacific Amphitheatre stage. A mainstay on the Billboard charts since his debut in 1991, Seal has created a unique blend of soul, rock, folk and dance music that has catapulted him to superstar status with such singles as "Crazy," "Kiss From A Rose," and "Waiting For You."

Dancehall superstar Shaggy brings the groove to the Pacific Amphitheatre along with Pato Banton and The Wailing Souls during the OC Fair ReggaeFest, on Sunday, July 16 at 7 p.m.

Touring on the strength of their Top 10 self-titled third album, Lifehouse performs Wednesday, July 19 at 7 p.m. Up and coming singer-songwriter Teddy Geiger also performs. All seats are \$19.99.

One of the most enduring bands to come out of the 60's, Jon Kay & Steppenwolf, perform with Jefferson Starship, Quicksilver Messenger Service and Vanilla Fudge on July 21 at 7 p.m. All seats are \$19.99.

OC Fair JamFest featuring Big Head Todd & the Monsters, BoDeans, and Shooter Jennings comes to the Pacific Amphitheatre on Sunday, July 23 at 7 p.m.

Grammy Award-winning soul singer Michael Bolton brings his distinctive voice to the Pacific Amphitheatre on July 25 at 7 p.m. Performing tunes from his latest release "Bolton Swings Sinatra," Bolton will also thrill audiences with the hits that helped him sell over 53 million records throughout his illustrious career.

Flush with the success of their second album, "Move Along," pop-punk

phenoms, All-American Rejects, perform Wednesday, July 26 at 7 p.m. Damone opens the show. All tickets for this show are \$19.99.

Touring in support of his critically acclaimed new release "Surprise," Paul Simon performs at the Pacific Amphitheatre on Friday, July 28, at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, July 29 at 7 p.m. seminal Los Angeles punk band, X, graces the Pacific Amphitheatre stage. Featuring Exene, John Doe, Billy Zoom and D.J. Bonebrake, the classic line-up created a unique blend of American roots music and late-70's punk rock. Rollins Band, featuring iconic front man Henry Rollins, reuniting with seminal members Sim Cain, Chris Haskett and Melvin Gibbs after almost a decade apart, will also perform.

On Sunday, July 30 at 8 p.m., The Moody Blues bring a collection of hits that include "I'm Just a Singer (In A Rock & Roll Band)" and "In Your Wildest Dreams."

The 2006 Pacific Amphitheatre Summer Concert Series at the OC Fair is presented by the Orange County Market Place.

Tickets for Pacific Amphitheatre concerts are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com, by phone at (714) 740-2000 or (213) 480-3232, and at the Orange County Fair Box Office at the Pacific Amphitheatre. Concert ticket prices include Fair admission. Gates open 90 minutes before show time. Concertgoers are encouraged to arrive early to avoid traffic and parking delays. All acts and times subject to change without notice.

All Pacific Amphitheatre ticket stubs are valid for one free ride on La Grande Wheel after each show.

Visit www.ocfair.com for a complete listing of shows at the Pacific Amphitheatre.

WASHINGTON MUTUAL ARENA

All acts and times are subject to change without notice.

July 7	31st Annual Speedway Fair Derby and Freestyle Motocross Jumping	8 p.m.
July 8	Xtreme Freestyle Motocross Jumping Invitational	8 p.m.
July 9	6th Annual "Orange Crush" Demolition Derby	3 and 8 p.m.
July 11-14	The Fab Four	8 p.m.
July 15	LATV's "Reggaeton" Night	8 p.m.
July 16	Mariachi Sol de Mexico® de Jose Hernandez	8 p.m.
July 18-21	Ozomatli	8 p.m.
July 22-23	Lucha Libre	8 p.m.
July 25-28	Jump 5/Jonas Brothers	8 p.m.
July 29	Bull Riding	4 and 8 p.m.
July 30	Fiesta del Charro/Bull Riding	4 and 8 p.m.

For an up-to-date listing of Washington Mutual Arena entertainment, visit www.ocfair.com.

Events CALENDAR 2006

July, Aug. & Sept.

Weekly Events

ORANGE COUNTY MARKET PLACE

Saturday & Sunday, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Main Parking Lot.

Admission: adults \$2, children under 12 free.

Tel Phil Enterprises (949) 723-6660

www.ocmarketplace.com

CLOSED JULY 8 & 9, 15 & 16, 22 & 23, 29 & 30.

INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY RACING

Saturdays, August 12, 19, & 26, Sept. 9, 16, 23 & 30.

Gates open 6 p.m., first race 7:30 p.m. Grandstand Arena.

Admission: adults \$12, juniors (13-17) & seniors (60+) \$10,

children (6-12) \$5, children under 5 free. Parking & Programs free. Preferred Parking \$5.

International Speedway, Inc. (949) 492-9933

www.cmspeedway.com

FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Main Parking Lot. Orange County Farm Bureau (714) 573-0374

orange.cfbf.com

CLOSED JULY 13, 20 & 27.

CENTENNIAL FARM

Monday - Friday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Admission: free.

(714) 708-1916

FAIR ADMISSION REQUIRED JULY 7-30.

JULY 2006

7-30 2006 OC FAIR —

"Flower Power" — the Year of the Garden

Tuesdays - Fridays, noon - midnight Saturdays & Sundays, 10 a.m. - midnight

Closed Mondays.

Admission: adults \$8, seniors (60+) \$6, children (6-12) \$4,

children 5 & under admitted free. Parking \$5. Preferred Parking \$10.

Orange County Fair & Exposition Center (714) 708-FAIR

www.ocfair.com

AUGUST 2006

4-6 GEM FAIRE

Friday, noon - 7 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Building #10 and Parade of Products. Admission: adults \$5, children under 12 admitted free.

Gem Faire, Inc. (503) 252-8300

www.gemfaire.com

12 SPEEDWAY — AMATEUR EVENT

Gates open 11 a.m.,

first race 1 p.m.

Grandstand Arena.

Admission: adults (18+) \$10, juniors (13-17) & seniors (60+) \$5,

children (6-12) \$3, children 5 & under admitted free.

Parking & Programs free.

Preferred Parking \$5.

International Speedway, Inc. (949) 492-9933

www.cmspeedway.com

12 COMPUTER SHOW

Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Building #14.

Admission: adults \$5, children under 10 admitted free.

NP Expos, Inc. (800) 800-5600

www.lacomputerfair.com

19-20 CROSSROADS OF THE WEST GUN SHOW

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Buildings #10, #12, #14, #16, Parade of Products and Main Mall.

Admission: adults \$12, seniors \$11, children 12 and under admitted free with adult.

B & L Productions (801) 544-9125

www.crossroadsgunshows.com

25-27 BORICUA FESTIVAL

Friday - Sunday, TBD.

Festival Fields

Admission: TBD.

SEPTEMBER 2006

2-4 GREAT LABOR DAY CAR CRUISE

Saturday & Sunday, 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Monday, 9 a.m. - noon.

All Grounds.

Admission: adults \$10, children under 12 admitted free.

Orange County Cruisin' Association (951) 928-4550

9-10 PERSIAN HARVEST FESTIVAL - MEHREGAN

Saturday & Sunday, TBD

Location: Campground, Arlington Field and Tent #8.

Admission: TBD.

NIPOC (949) 851-3993

www.nipoc.org

12 DIVERSITY JOB FAIR

Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Building #10, Admission: free.

Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

(714) 953-4289

15-17 SAND SPORTS SUPER SHOW

Friday, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

All Grounds.

Admission: adults \$10, children 12 & under free.

Sand Sports Super Show (714) 990-5107

www.sandsportssupershow.com

20 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ELECTRONICS EXPO

Wednesday, TBD.

Building #10.

Admission: TBD.

23 CRUISIN' FOR A CURE CAR SHOW

Saturday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Buildings #10, #12, #14, Parade of Products and Grounds.

Admission: adults \$12, military and seniors (62+) \$10, children under 12 under free.

Cruisin' For A Cure

(949) 588-8777

www.cruisinforacure.com

28-30 SUGAR PLUM FESTIVALS "ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW"

Thursday & Friday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Building #10, Admission: free

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