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## ***Mayor Healy to Host Annual Summerfest Series Concerts at Liberty State Park to Feature More than a Dozen Local & National Musicians including Gold & Platinum Recording Artists***

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** will host the city’s annual Summerfest Concert Series, a two month-long program that brings more than a dozen recording artists to Jersey City. The series kicks off at **5 p.m. on Sunday, July 8, 2007 in Liberty State Park.**

The concerts, which are free and open to the public, are held every Sunday and Tuesday evening throughout the months of July and August in the Liberty State Park Gardens behind the Liberty House Restaurant. Summerfest is sponsored by the Mayor’s Office, the Municipal Council, and the Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Cultural Affairs.

“This is an historic concert series dating back to the days when this park was founded,” **Mayor Healy** said. “This year the Summerfest Concert Series has grown, and in addition to our traditional performers we have several new acts.”

This year’s artists include Grammy-Award Winner Jimmy Sturr, the Persuaders, Bobby J, Joe Bataan, Jersey City native Barbara Sharpe, the Duprees, the Harlem Renaissance Orchestra, John Christian, and Los Seis Del Son.

Jimmy Sturr has received 16 Grammy’s during his career as a polka musician. The Persuaders have had gold & platinum recordings, such as “Thin Line Between Love & Hate,” and “Peace in the Valley.” The Duprees have had gold & platinum recordings such as “You Belong to Me,” and “Have You Heard.”

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Bobby J, best known for his career as a WCBS radio DJ, now performs with Frankie Lymon's Teenagers, who are in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Although parking is available at the Liberty House Restaurant, concert-goers may also take the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail to the Liberty State Park and a shuttle bus will bring them inside the park. The concert is held on the lawn and concert-goers wishing a seat should bring a lawn chair.

**Sunday 5. – 7 p.m.**

July 8	Jimmy Sturr
July 15	The Persuaders, Bobby J, MC-Sirus Radio
July 22	Fortune
July 29	Ambrosia
August 5	The Exceptions
August 12	Joe Bataan
August 19	Barbara Sharpe
August 26	The Duprees

**Tuesday 7 – 9 p.m.**

July 10	Harlem Renaissance Orchestra
July 17	Los Seis Del Son
July 24	John Christian
July 31	Big Swing Band
August 7	The B Street Band
August 14	Nardis Evil Way's
August 21	Max Sullivan
August 28	Devotions

For more information on the Summerfest Concert Series, contact the Division of Cultural Affairs at 201-547-6921.

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