



# ARTS DISTRICT

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## **ARTS DISTRICT to Host Liberty Station Concerts** ***FREE Concert Series Returns for Four Shows June through September***

SAN DIEGO (April 12, 2018) – ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station welcomes the return of Liberty Station Concerts, a wildly popular free concert series inaugurated last year. The four concerts, presented outdoors on the grassy North Promenade on Sunday evenings, will feature a collection of popular San Diego musicians and acts. Audiences are invited to bring a blanket, a picnic and a love of live music. Produced in partnership with Damian DeRobbio, of Beer, Food & Music, the venue is set up to allow lots of room to dance and get up close to the acts.

“We wanted to include local bands with roots in San Diego and that have helped build a vibrant culture here,” explained Andrew Waltz, ARTS DISTRICT Program Manager. “The concert series highlights regionally known groups that are setting the bar for San Diego’s music scene.”

The 2018 Liberty Station Concert series presents many notable San Diego Music Awards winners and nominees, including Rebecca Jade, winner for *Best Jazz Album* with Peter Sprague; Birdy Bardot, winner for *Best Pop*; Earl Thomas, a former four-time SDMA winner; and Casey Hensley Band, nominated for *Artist of the Year*. Each will take the stage for an innovative performance on their own or in creative ensembles.

“The venue at ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station is one of the best places to see an outdoor concert in San Diego. I am very excited about this year’s lineup. Every show has an eclectic variety of talent and vibe and will be showcasing some of the best voices in Southern California,” said DeRobbio.

The **Liberty Station Concerts** serve the community by providing free outdoor music in an incomparable setting. “Sponsorships assure we can continue this free community program so that everyone can enjoy concerts featuring regional musicians that appeal to music lovers of all ages,” said Alan Ziter, NTC Foundation Executive Director. Sponsorship opportunities from \$5,000 to \$1,500 are available through the Foundation.

Concert-goers are encouraged to arrive early and enjoy the art galleries, studios and museums of the exciting ARTS DISTRICT. Many ARTS DISTRICT Resident Organizations will present pop-up activities and programs prior to all concerts.

### **Location & Address:**

ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station, North Promenade – 2848 Dewey Road, San Diego 92016  
Between Stone Brewing World Bistro and the colorful **Greetings** mural.  
All ages invited. No alcohol can be brought into the venue.

### **LIBERTY STATION CONCERTS 2018 SCHEDULE**

#### **All concerts start at 5 pm**

Sunday, June 24: The Six String Society  
Sunday, July 22: Earl Thomas / Rebecca Jade  
Sunday, August 26: The Redwoods Revue featuring Birdy Bardot  
Sunday, September 23: Vaud & The Villains / Iron Sage Wood

## **Sunday, June 24**

### **The Six String Society**

This eclectic, music theatre production celebrates all things crazy, magnificent and fun! The Six String Society mixes theater and multimedia with some of the finest performers around. Each show is unique. This special *Liberty Station* edition will break new ground and feature the amazing Nathan James, Whitney Shay, Casey Hensley, Billy Watson and Sharifah Muhammed.

## **Sunday, July 22**

### **OPENING ACT: Rebecca Jade and the Cold Fact**

This act will deliver body-moving grooves to its brand of beach city soul, paying homage to the pioneers of the genre while adding vintage West Coast textures and psychedelic overtones. Whether digging down into gritty funk or lifting the roof on some high-octane gospel, the Cold Fact's deft musicianship proves the ideal complement to Jade's powerhouse performances. She glides smoothly between sultry sweetness and diva brass, conscientious of each song's feel with every syllable and every purposeful breath.

### **HEADLINER: Earl Thomas**

Earl Thomas will ignite audiences and bring rock and roll, R & B and blues to the ARTS DISTRICT. The two-time Grammy Award-nominated artist has won four times at the San Diego Music Awards! Also a songwriter, his songs have been covered by Tom Jones, Etta James and Screamin' Jay Hawkins.

## **Sunday, August 26**

### **The Redwoods Revue**

The Redwoods, a local independent record label and music collective, will create a show from its growing list of talented artists. From hard-hitting soul and swampy psychedelic rock to desert noir and spectral folk, the label brings together songwriters, musicians and vocalists of the highest caliber, with a shared purpose to strive for a new standard for musical collaboration and song craft.

## **Sunday, September 23**

### **OPENING ACT: Iron Sage Wood**

Iron Sage Wood, featuring Damian DeRobbio, Paul Cannon and Abner Nevarez, will play a soulful groove combined with world rhythm and conscious lyrics. ISW moves audiences to laugh, dance and sing along. Writing songs of hope and transformation, their work encourages an uplifting human experience all the while blending elements of world beat and Native Americana.

### **HEADLINER: Vaud & The Villains**

Back by popular demand, Vaud & The Villains were the highlight of last summer's concert series. The big show is a 19-piece orchestra and cabaret, which has evolved over the years from a folk band singing traditional tunes to an originally voiced genre-bending spectacle commonly described as Americana Noir meets Moulin Rouge. Bring your dancing feet! The ever-evolving cast of the show is composed of a five-piece horn section, incredible vocalists, a rhythm section and three dancers.

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For **more information** visit [www.artsdistrictlibertystation.com](http://www.artsdistrictlibertystation.com)



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*ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station is San Diego's largest Arts & Cultural District located in historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center in the new Liberty Station neighborhood, near Downtown on San Diego Bay. With 100 park-like acres the ARTS DISTRICT is home to nearly 120 museums and galleries, artist studios, dance companies, educational groups, multidisciplinary arts, fine dining, creative retail and other organizations that showcase San Diego's creative community and provide innovative experiences for the public. The campus also features venues for indoor or outdoor events, festivals, seminars, retreats and meetings.*

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