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**FREE MARINA DEL REY SUMMER CONCERTS KICK OFF
EXCITING 2011 SEASON THURSDAY, JULY 7**

MARINA DEL REY, CALIF. – MAY 23, 2011 - The Marina del Rey Summer Concerts, presented free to the public, begin weekly concerts Thursday, July 7, at 7 pm, waterside in Marina del Rey's Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way. Thursday evening classical concerts feature world class artists appearing with the Marina del Rey Summer Symphony, conducted by its Musical Director Frank Fetta. On alternate weeks, Saturday evening concerts bring to the Marina internationally famed artists from the worlds of pop and jazz.

This year's Classical Thursdays begin on July 7 with a concert featuring the 75-member Marina del Rey Summer Symphony, conducted by Frank Fetta with finalists from the famed Loren L. Zachary National Vocal Competition presenting "A Night at the Opera" with various arias.

On July 21, Naoko Takada plays marimba along with the Marina del Rey Summer Symphony with a medley of songs written by composers Gershwin, Hansen, Puts and Grofe.

Thursday, August 4, Lindsay Deutsch, appears as violin soloist with Maestro Fetta and the Orchestra performing Bernstein and Korngold selections.

On Thursday, August 18, Maestro Fetta welcomes back Claire Huangci to Burton Chace Park with her stunning renditions of Ravel, Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev favorites.

Host of the classical series is popular radio personality Rich Capparella of KUSC-Classical FM 91.5.

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Pop Saturdays open July 16 with the smooth sounds of Oleta Adams in her debut performance at Burton Chace Park.

On July 30, Tito Puente, Jr., son of the late percussion and Latin jazz royalty Tito Puente, brings his passionate Afro-Cuban rhythms to the stage firing up audiences, crossing cultures and inspiring a new generation of fans in his tribute to his father.

He will be followed on August 13 by singer/songwriter Aimee Mann, playing her hit songs on acoustic guitar.

The 2011 Marina del Rey Summer Concerts season closes on August 27 with movie star and legendary recording sensation Frankie Avalon singing his classic hits.

Sponsors of the Marina del Rey Summer Concerts are Supervisor Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; the Department of Beaches and Harbors; Yamaha Pianos; the Ritz-Carlton Marina del Rey; and KUSC Classical FM 91.5.

Hornblower Café in Burton Chace Park is open for sunset dining on concert nights with chairs available for rent at the concert site for a minimal fee.

Concertgoers can take the WaterBus from seven Marina locations directly to and from the concert site, or catch the land-based Beach Shuttle, which will operate with special hours to and from Burton Chace Park on concert nights. Parking is available at County lot # 4 and # 77 on Mindanao Way or lot # 5 on Bali Way.

For additional information, call the Marina del Visitor's Center at (310) 305-9545 or access the Beaches and Harbors website at marinadelrey.lacounty.gov or DBH social media sites [Facebook.com/LACDBH](https://www.facebook.com/LACDBH) and [Twitter.com/lacdbh](https://twitter.com/lacdbh).

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