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Experience an all-new line-up at Naper Nights

Naperville, IL — Prepare to dance the night away at this month's Naper Nights Community Concert Series with acts that have never before graced the concert series' stage. Naper Settlement welcomes guests to bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a jam-packed weekend of delicious food, cold drinks and awesome music with family and friends. The concert series will take place from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22 located at 523 S. Webster St. in Naperville. Tickets are available now. Admission is \$15 adults, \$10 youth 4-12, members and children under 4 are free. For more information, visit www.NaperNights.org.

Friday, July 21 will open with a cover band that has been making waves in the tribute scene, Journeyman – A tribute to Eric Clapton. Guests will enjoy the best from Eric Clapton, including music from Cream, Blind Faith, Derek and the Dominos, and all of his solo work.

“Eric Clapton has been the biggest influence on me musically,” said Shaun Hague, founder of Journeyman. “Seven years ago, I decided to try performing as [Clapton] one night to see how the crowd would react. Their reaction was great, and I realized this was something I wanted to pursue.”

Following Journeyman will be the nation's premier tribute to Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, the Pettybreakers. Lead performer, Ozzie Mancinelli, says years ago he had been performing in a Rolling Stones cover band, and a Tom Petty tribute had opened for them. He thought their loose adaptations were good, but he felt there was room for a more authentic production.

“The songs, primarily, were the inspiration,” said Mancinelli about why he decided to cover Tom Petty. “The music, as simple as it might appear to the casual listener, is actually a bit of a challenge to reproduce. It's really a fun project. Visitors can definitely expect to hear all the hits, plus a deeper cut or two.”

Kicking off the night on Saturday, July 22, will be The Chicago Experience, a tribute to the legendary band Chicago. Inviting guests to relive the memories that captured everyone's heart, The Chicago Experience will play everything from the early hits, such as “Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?” and “25 or 6 to 4” through the 1980's, like “You're The Inspiration.”

Headlining will be Shining Star, a band that recreates the magic of Earth, Wind & Fire. Touring for almost 6 years, Shining Star is organized and arranged by Al Bullitt, who hand-picked each member. When asked to pick a favorite song to perform, Bullitt said it was impossible to pick

just one, because they all “sound and feel fantastic.” Shining Star will perform all the classics, including “Got to Get You into My Life,” “September” and “Let’s Groove Tonight.”

“Visitors can expect a high energy and visually stimulating performance that will engage and tantalize their ears and eyes,” said Bullitt. “If they are old enough, the songs will evoke memories and emotions!”

There will be plenty of family-friendly activities in the children’s activities area. Budding artists can paint a masterpiece, courtesy of Pinot’s Palette, learn how to break a board with PRO Martial Arts, or practice their hula hooping skills with Lil J’s Bohemia. LEGOLAND will be in the children’s activities area on Friday night to test their creativity, while Real Life Fitness will be here Saturday night to help kids work up a sweat.

Naper Settlement is proud to partner with Loaves & Fishes this month. Proceeds from the tip jars at the beverage tent will benefit this great organization.

Beverage sponsors are Bell’s Brewery, Rodney Strong Vineyards and Schamberger Brothers Inc. July concert food vendors include Sharko’s BBQ, John’s Rib House, Little Jimmy’s Italian Ice and Nothing Bundt Cakes. No outside food or beverages allowed.

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About Naper Settlement and the Naperville Heritage Society

Naper Settlement is a nationally accredited, award-winning outdoor museum set on 12 acres in the heart of Naperville, where history comes to play and the community comes to connect. The Naperville Heritage Society is the administrator of Naper Settlement. With a commitment to the community and a focus to the future, the mission of the Naperville Heritage Society is to collect, document, preserve and support the history of Naperville, Illinois, past and present. For more information, visit NaperSettlement.org or call (630) 420-6010.