

PRESS RELEASE

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**The City Of Clearwater Announces
Coachman Park Grand Opening Events
Wednesday, June 28 – Tuesday, July 4**

**In Addition Ruth Eckerd Hall Announces
Opening Week Concerts At The New Music Venue**



THE SOUND

Including:

Colbie Caillat And Gavin DeGraw On Friday, June 30 at 7 PM

***Dave Koz Summer Horns Tour* On Saturday, July 1 At 7 PM**

Peter Frampton On Sunday, July 2 At 7 PM

Tickets For All Three Concerts Go On Sale Friday, April 14

**Plus Three Free Community Concerts Including A Patriotic
Celebration With The Florida Orchestra On July 4**

Including Fireworks

(CLEARWATER) The City of Clearwater is thrilled to announce a weeklong Grand Opening Celebration of Coachman Park that will include free activities, food and beverage vendors, local crafters and more. Ruth Eckerd Hall announces three concerts at The Sound, **Colbie Caillat and Gavin DeGraw** on Friday, June 30; **Dave Koz Summer Horns Tour with Special Guests Candy Dulfer & Eric Darius** on Saturday, July 1 and **Peter Frampton** on Sunday, July 2. Please see below for more information, including performance times and ticket prices. In addition, there will be three free community concerts at The Sound, culminating with a patriotic celebration with The Florida Orchestra on Independence Day including fireworks over Clearwater Harbor.

"I am thrilled to kick-off my first week as Mayor by sharing the exciting week of events and activities planned for the park, which marks a significant milestone for our city," said Mayor Brian Aungst Sr., "The grand opening of Coachman Park and The Sound represents a new era of entertainment and recreation in Clearwater."

Susan M. Crockett, Ruth Eckerd Hall President & CEO added, "Clearwater will truly be celebrating with a wonderful grand opening week that offers something for everyone. We are very excited to play our part in bringing world renowned artists to the festivities."

Schedule:

Daily Recurring Events will include health and fitness classes, food and beverage experiences, exhibitors, children's games, as well as activities and park amenities such as a splash pad, large playground, walking trails and more.

Wednesday, June 28:

The weeklong Grand Opening celebration of Coachman Park will begin with **Clearwater Celebrates Coachman Park**. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the park will occur at 5 pm. Following will be the highly anticipated first concert at The Sound. This will be a free to the public event, with artist to be announced soon.

Thursday, June 29:

Thursday's theme of **Clearwater Celebrates Diversity & Culture** is all about celebrating the rich diversity that exists within Clearwater, with a focus on promoting inclusivity and understanding across all communities. There will be a multicultural market and crafters, as well as dance troupes and musicians showcasing their talents. Children's activities will include inflatables, face painters and other family-friendly activities.

The day will end with a FREE community concert at The Sound featuring Tampa Bay's favorite local group, **The Black Honkey's Band**.

For the FREE concerts on June 28 and June 29, general admission will be on a first-come, first served basis. Chairs are limited; bring a blanket for the lawn.

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Friday, June 30:

Kicking off the weekend, Friday's theme will be **Clearwater Celebrates Music**. There will be a craft beer garden, a variety of children's activities and buskers and street entertainment to add to the festive atmosphere. Local musicians will perform on The Green in the park throughout the day, and visitors can sample a variety of delicious foods from the food truck experience.

The day will close out with a concert at The Sound, featuring GRAMMY®-winner **Colbie Caillat** and GRAMMY®-nominee **Gavin DeGraw**, starting at 7 pm. Please see below for more information including ticket prices.

Saturday, July 1

Clearwater Celebrates Community will begin with a 5K running event. Following the race, participants can enjoy the craft beer garden, performances on The Green, a farmers market and events honoring Clearwater's neighborhoods.

There will be a concert at The Sound, featuring GRAMMY®-nominee **Dave Koz Summer Horns Tour with Special Guests Candy Dulfer and Eric Darius** at 7 pm, providing a perfect end to the day's festivities. Please see below for more information including ticket prices.

Sunday, July 2

Clearwater Celebrates Hispanic Culture is a day dedicated to celebrating the large Hispanic community that makes up the fabric of Clearwater. The day will feature dance classes with professional instructors, musical performances on The Green, such as Rumbero's De Tampa, DJs and delicious Hispanic cuisine from numerous food trucks.

The day will end with a concert at The Sound featuring GRAMMY®-winner **Peter Frampton** at 7 pm. Frampton returns to Clearwater for the first time in seven years on his *Never Say Never Tour*. Please see below for more information including ticket prices.

Monday, July 3

Clearwater Celebrates Wellness will be a day highlighting the passive recreation areas of Coachman Park and promoting healthy and active living. Participants can join a community volunteer cleanup or host their local meet-up group outings at the park. To prepare for the Independence Day Celebration, there are no large events or concerts planned for July 3.

Tuesday, July 4

Finally, **Clearwater Celebrates America** will start the holiday with a classic car show featuring vintage cars and trucks, as well as shop local at the farmers market, enjoy the sounds of buskers and street entertainers and let the kid's burn off energy with family-friendly games and entertainment.

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As the day comes to a close, witness the grand finale – the largest fireworks display in Clearwater’s history accompanied by **The Florida Orchestra**. Following the fireworks, stick around for an immersive silent disco party to keep the celebration going.

Tickets are required for the FREE concert on July 4 and are available in advance at TheSoundFLA.com beginning Tuesday, May 2. General admission is first come, first served. Chairs are limited, bring a blanket for lawn.

Tickets for concerts on June 30, July 1 and 2 go on sale Friday, April 14 at 10 am, are available at The Raymond James Central Ticket Office at Ruth Eckerd Hall, by calling 727-791-7400 or visiting www.RuthEckerdHall.com. The Raymond James Central Ticket Office at Ruth Eckerd Hall is open Tuesday through Thursday, from noon to 6 pm, Friday, from 10 am to 6 pm, and Saturday, from noon to 6 pm. The Sound Ticket Office will open 2 hours prior to show time.

Please see below for show description, date and time of performance and ticket prices.
All shows are rain or shine. Dates, times and show description are subject to change.

Colbie Calliat & Gavin DeGraw

Friday, June 30 at 7 pm

Tickets priced at \$99, \$79, \$59, \$39, \$9

Colbie Caillat has been honored with two GRAMMY® Awards and five nominations and has accumulated more than 15 billion streams. Her debut album *COCO* hit #5 on the *Billboard* Top 200 Albums chart and is certified 3x platinum, while her platinum selling follow-up album *Breakthrough* landed at #1 on the *Billboard* album chart. Including her breakthrough hit *Bubbly* which is certified 6x platinum her radio career features eight #1 and/or top 10 singles including *Realize*, *Try* and her GRAMMY® winning duet with Jason Mraz *Lucky*.

In 2018, Colbie’s country quartet, *Gone West*, debuted with a performance at the Grand Ole Opry and two years later, reached the top 30 on the Country Airplay charts with their RIAA certified gold single *What Could’ve Been*, from the *Canyons* album. Her live show is personal and engaging in any setting and she has become an expert storyteller. Colbie just finished recording a new album in Nashville, TN and is currently set to release the first single in Spring 2023. Throughout her career, she has been an avowed spokesperson and supporter for ASPCA, the Surfrider Foundation, Save The Music, Farm Sanctuary and The Humane Society of the United States.

GRAMMY® Award-nominated multiplatinum singer and songwriter **Gavin DeGraw’s** inimitable voice and soulful style boldly bloomed on his 2003 platinum-certified full-length debut, *Chariot*. It included the gold single *Follow Through*, as well as both platinum hits, *Chariot* and *I Don’t Want To Be*. In 2008, his self-titled second album, *Gavin DeGraw*, bowed in the Top 10 of the *Billboard* Top 200 powered by the platinum-selling single *In Love With a Girl*. 2011’s gold-certified *Sweeter* saw him return to the Top 10 as the single *Not Over You* went four times platinum. Meanwhile, his 2013 duet with Colbie Caillat, *We Both Know*, garnered a GRAMMY® Award nomination in the category of Best Song Written For Visual Media for Safe Haven.

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DeGraw is the rare talent who could seamlessly share the stage with Billy Joel and The Allman Brothers or Maroon 5 and Shania Twain. In 2016, *Something Worth Saving* incited widespread critical applause from *USA Today*, *Billboard*, *Entertainment Tonight*, and *Huffington Post*. With a front row seat to this wonderfully wild life led by his late parents Lynne and John Wayne, Gavin DeGraw recounts his most meaningful memories and valuable lessons on his seventh full-length offering, *Face The River* [RCA Records]. Now, he stitches together a timeless tale of his own soundtracked by a signature fusion of pop, soul, country, folk and funk.

Dave Koz Summer Horns Tour 2023
With Special Guests Candy Dulfer and Eric Darius

Saturday, July 1 at 7 pm

Tickets priced at \$50, \$39, \$25, \$9

The high-octane, feel-good summer show will feature songs from each artist's catalog plus material from 2013's *Dave Koz and Friends Summer Horns* and 2018's *Summer Horns II From A To Z*. Both albums debuted at #1 on *Billboard's* Current Contemporary Jazz Albums chart.

Dave Koz has racked up an astoundingly impressive array of honors and achievements: nine GRAMMY® nominations, 12 #1 albums on *Billboard's* Current Contemporary Jazz Albums chart, numerous world tours, performances for multiple U.S. presidents, a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and more. A Platinum-selling artist, the California native is also known as a humanitarian, entrepreneur, radio host and instrumental music

His 2020 album, *A New Day*, reached the #1 position on numerous jazz charts, including iTunes and Amazon and delivered an unprecedented four back-to-back #1 hits on *Billboard's* Smooth Jazz Airplay chart – *Side By Side* ft. David Sanborn, *Dr. Norm* ft. Paul Jackson, Jr., *The Closer We Get* and *Summertime in NYC*.

In 2022, Koz celebrated the 25th anniversary of the *Dave Koz and Friends Christmas tour* with the release of his seventh and most intimate holiday album to date, *Christmas Ballads*, and a new all-star, 25-date tour.

Candy Dulfer rose to fame with high-profile collaborations with Dave Stewart (the worldwide #1 smash *Lily Was Here*) and the legendary Prince. Her first solo album *Sexuality* earned her a GRAMMY® Award nomination. The combined world-wide sales of her solo albums tops 2.5 million copies and she has had several #1 hits in the U.S.

Eric Darius, internationally known as an elite Jazz/R&B/Pop saxophonist, songwriter, producer and performer, recently dropped *L.O.V.E. Feat. Brian Culbertson*, the third single from his seventh studio album, *Breakin' Thru*, which debuted at #2 on the iTunes Top 40 Jazz Albums Chart.

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Peter Frampton

Never Say Never Tour

Sunday July 2 at 7 pm

Tickets priced at \$129.50, \$99.50, \$69.50, \$49.50, \$9

GRAMMY® Award-winner, **Peter Frampton**, is heading back out on the road for his *Never Say Never Tour* to cities across North America. Frampton returns to Clearwater for the first time in seven years on his *Never Say Never Tour*.

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Ruth Eckerd Hall, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, manages and operates the City of Clearwater-owned 2,200-seat Ruth Eckerd Hall, the 200-seat Murray Theatre, the 250-capacity ballroom, Margarete Heye Great Room, the Marcia P. Hoffman School of the Arts and the 750-seat Nancy and David Bilheimer Capitol Theatre, The Sound located at Coachman Park in downtown Clearwater and Ruth Eckerd Hall On The Road. In 2020 and 2023, Ruth Eckerd Hall was awarded a Top Workplaces honor by *The Tampa Bay Times*. In the most competitive category of small businesses (50 – 149 employees), Ruth Eckerd Hall was ranked #19 and was the only entertainment venue to make the list both years. In 2022, *The Tampa Bay Business Journal* named Ruth Eckerd Hall a Top Workplace Honoree. Our mission is: *Changing lives through the performing arts.*

The Sound located at Coachman Park in downtown Clearwater, near the intercostal waterway, opens June 28, 2023. Ruth Eckerd Hall manages and operates this state-of-the-art music venue that features 4,000 covered seats, with an additional 5,000 seated lawn and an incredible view of the majestic sunsets of Clearwater Beach. In May 2022, the Clearwater City Council selected Ruth Eckerd Hall to operate The Sound music venue.

Coachman Park is a 19-acre public park located in Downtown Clearwater, Florida set to open June 28, 2023. It is known for its beautiful waterfront location, and features an outdoor performing arts venue that is poised to host a variety of events throughout the year, including concerts, festivals and cultural events. Coachman Park also has numerous amenities, including a grand entrance and walkway, public art spaces, a waterfront pedestrian promenade, a marina amenity building, a scenic overlook with pavilions, a playground area and splash pad. For more information about Coachman Park, visit myclearwater.com/coachmanpark.

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