



YOUNG THE GIANT

The Cuthbert Amphitheater, 2300 Leo Harris Parkway, provides a chance to enjoy the sunny weather and live music simultaneously this summer. Here are three shows to look forward to at the venue along the river later this summer:

YOUNG THE GIANT WITH COLD WAR KIDS AND JOYWAVE (AUG. 20)

California's indie pop outfit Young the Giant is touring after the release of its 2016 LP *Home of the Strange*. With soaring indie rock and sly vocals by Sameer Gadhia, the band's sound is sure to complement the mid-August heat. Fellow California band, Cold War Kids, brings a bluesier sound to the package with songs off

its newest release, *LA Divine*. East Coast kids Joywave, best known for their spot on "Dangerous" by Big Data, will bring their infectious indie pop to round out the late summer show.

NATHANIEL RATELIFF AND THE NIGHT SWEATS WITH LAKE STREET DIVE (AUG. 25)

Nathaniel Rateliff and the Night Sweats capitalize on the nu-folk Americana revival in the best way possible. The band stomps and claps, but it never becomes too generic like The Lumineers or too hippie like Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeroes. The Night Sweats find a happy medium, somewhere in-between accessible and unique. Rateliff's yelping in stomp-worthy songs

like "S.O.B" is the perfect cathartic expression that, "damn, summer is almost done." Indie folk act Lake Street Dive opens.

MICHAEL FRANTI AND SPEARHEAD (SEPT. 7)

Michael Franti will bring the "Sound of Sunshine" and other songs to this frequently rainy state in September. Franti, a musician, humanitarian and spoken word artist among other titles, is known for his joyous folk inspired by world music styles. With his infectious joy and shoeless stage presence, Franti will be the perfect artist to wind the summer down and say goodbye to the sun for the next couple months. "That's the sound of sunshine," he sings as it goes away. — *Sararosa Davies*



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