

Big Names and a World of Beats



Bob Marley's legendary backing band The Wailers perform Wednesday, June 27 at the Oregon Zoo, kicking off World Beat Wednesdays taking place all summer long.



Mexico City's Rodrigo y Gabriela channel Latin rhythms and a rock mentality.

Summer concerts at the zoo have got it all

Boasting a roster as diverse as their animals, the Oregon Zoo Summer Concert Series kicks off this weekend at the Oregon Zoo amphitheater.

Since 1979 the zoo has hosted a summer concert series, becoming one of the top outdoor events in the Northwest and the region's longest-running outdoor series. Wells Fargo has sponsored the series since 1996.

The series opens up Friday, June 22 with an evening of bluesy rock from Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi,

The summer wraps up with a Mexican music duo by way of Dublin, Ireland: Rodrigo y Gabriela with CéU

perform on Friday, Aug 31.

In between you'll hear a variety of musical styles in this unique outdoor series entering its 29th summer. The



lineup includes internationally known performer Patty Griffin, Friday, July 20; Pink Martini with guests Sneakin' Out on Friday, July 27 and again on

Saturday, July 28; Tower of Power and David Sanborn on Sunday, Aug. 12; Old Crow Medicine Show on Friday, Aug. 17; and Keb' Mo' and

Whether you like blues, rock, jazz, folk or country, there is no better outdoor venue than the Oregon Zoo amphitheater. The zoo's summer concert series kicks off Friday, June 22 with Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi (left).

Robert Cray Saturday, Aug. 25.

All ZooBeat Premium Concerts begin at 7 p.m. and tickets are general admission, with prices ranging

from \$17 to \$22.

The zoo hosts another summer concert series mid-week with "World Beat Wednesday." A diverse line up of musical styles will begin with The Wailers, performing Wednesday, June 27 at 7 p.m.

Bob Marley's all-star backing band members are reggae music pioneers who have brought the sound of Jamaica to an estimated 24 million people worldwide.

The Wailers will be joined by Slackstring, a group straight out of Southern California's surf scene.

Tickets for both series are available at the zoo and all TicketsWest ticket outlets at 503-224-8499 or ticketswest.com.

For a complete list of performances during ZooBeat and World Beat Wednesdays, visit www.oregonzoo.org.