

Free Summer Concerts at the Oregon Convention Center Plaza

Plaza Palooza

Thursdays 5pm to 7pm

Presented by Oregon Convention Center and 101.9 KINK FM

July 12 Curtis Salgado



"Triumphant, joyful blues-soaked R&B...one of the most soulful, honest singers ever."

Blues Revue

Award-winning vocalist/songwriter/harmonica icon Curtis Salgado sings and plays with soulful authority, never giving less than 100 percent. He plays each and every show like it's the most important gig of his career.

August 9 The Stolen Sweet



Bill Mitchell

The Stolen Sweets formed in 2004 after rehearsing for a one-off tribute show to 1930s sister act, The Boswell Sisters. The Sweets' repertoire has expanded to include material from the 1920s-1940s.

July 19 Soul Vaccination

Soul Vaccination is one of the Hottest Funk Bands in the PNW. This great band infuses the Stage with the greatest soul standards and has been a fixture in the Northwest music scene for over 14 years, bringing you tunes from the likes of Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Earth Wind & Fire and Tower of Power.



August 16 Sonny Hess Women in Blues Revue

Sonny Hess started showcasing newly found female talent many many years ago. Sonny puts together an All-Star lineup of Northwest talent; it always proves to be a show stopping experience not to be missed.



July 26 Pepe and the Bottle Blondes



Pepe & Bottle Blondes' was created by Pepe Raphael with the intention to bring back the "Copacabana style" dinner theater. Enhanced with the costuming, make-up and percussion and beat of Latin rhythms, PEPE & THE BOTTLE BLONDES creates a strong and stimulating visual stage performance.

August 23 Bobby Torres Big Band



"Bobby Torres Ensemble - Latin jazz with enough flavor and spice to satisfy your body and soul's need for rhythmic harmony."

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From New York City to Woodstock with Joe Cocker, through ten years of touring with Tom Jones, to forming his own Latin jazz group in Portland, Bobby's been on the music scene for over 40 years.

August 2 Wheels in the Sky

Formed in 2010, Wheels in the Sky: A Tribute to Journey, is a band made up of five A-list jazz, funk and rock musicians from Portland, Oregon's thriving music scene. Wheels in the Sky pays tribute to the power, majesty and sensuality of classic Journey.



August 30 Quarterflash

Quarterflash is a pop-rock group formed in Portland, Oregon in 1980. The band was made up of lead singer and saxophonist Rindy Ross, her husband guitarist Marv Ross, guitarist Jack Charles, keyboardist Rick DiGiallanardo, bassist Rich Gooch and drummer Brian David Willis. Their original name was Seafood Mama.



The band signed to Geffen Records and released their self-titled debut album, Quarterflash, in 1981. The album was a success and scored their biggest hits with "Harden My Heart", which hit #3 on the Billboard Pop Singles chart, and "Find Another Fool", which hit #16.

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