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## WOODSTOCK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES LINEUP ANNOUNCED AT 2025 STATE OF THE CITY The 2025 Season Features Three Grammy-Nominated Artists and Two Top-Tier Tributes

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Woodstock, GA (February 2, 2025) – Woodstock Mayor Michael Caldwell announced the lineup of the Woodstock Summer Concert Series as part of his 2025 State of the City address Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at Woodstock City Church.

"If you've never joined us for one of these shows, you are in for a treat," said Caldwell. "The Woodstock Summer Concert Series started as a group of public concerts held in the downtown gazebo, and it is now the largest free public concert series in the southeastern United States. With more than 14,000 crammed into the amphitheater to just one of our shows, it's an experience that is truly uniquely 'Woodstock'."

Mayor Caldwell chose to break with tradition and announce the season in reverse order starting from the finale and working back to the opening show. On September 13, the season will end with its 5th show featuring Interstellar Echoes, the southeast's premier Pink Floyd tribute. On August 9, the 4th show will feature one of the most enduring and influential bands in alternative rock: 10,000 Maniacs. With over 10 million albums sold and Grammy nominated hits, they are sure to be incredible. The 3rd concert on July 12 features a multi-platinum-selling artist and Grammy nominee. This country music icon's deep, soulful voice is sure to have you asking "Your Man" "Would You Go With Me?" and "Why Don't We Just Dance?" If we're lucky, maybe we'll see a "Long Black Train" come through Woodstock during the show headlined by Josh Turner. For the 2nd show of the season on June 14, multi-platinum-selling rock legends Gin Blossoms defined the 90's, and now they take the stage at the Woodstock Summer Concert Series.

"Some of you may not yet know that your mayor has ranked among the top one percent of Spotify listeners for a particular artist for the past five years," teased Mayor Caldwell. The opening show on May 10 will open with one of the largest and most celebrated Taylor Swift tribute acts in the nation: Let's Sing Taylor. "If you think you've seen what it looks like to compete for chair space in that amphitheater before... Get ready for May and a city full of Swifties."

Woodstock Summer Concert Series is produced by Woodstock Parks and Recreation. From special events – like Woodstock's 4th of July Parade that was more than 8 times larger than any other parade in Cherokee County this year - to the management of Woodstock's Senior Center, to a generational parks and trails construction initiative, Woodstock Parks and Recreation is helping build tomorrow's Woodstock. Because of this outstanding work, they earned the National Recreation and Parks Association's CAPRA Re-Accreditation this year. Out of more than 10,000 Parks Agencies in the United States, only 193 have earned this distinguished designation. Woodstock's Parks and Recreation Department is among the top 1% in the nation, and one of only 14 in Georgia to earn this honor. New this season, the City of Woodstock has launched Woodstock Summer Concert Series Gives Back. Through this initiative, Woodstock officials will designate a charity and design concert series branded merchandise that concert lovers can purchase online. All funds raised will go directly to the nonprofit selected. For the first offering in the series, Woodstock Council Member Tracy Collins has designed a stainless-steel mini tumbler to benefit Butterfly Whisper, a Cherokee County nonprofit providing assistance to those affected by poverty and homelessness. The tumblers are \$20 and are available for purchase at www.customink.com/fundraising/sippersforwhispers.

Sponsorship information will be published to the concert series website and social media in the coming week. Mayor Michael Caldwell expressed his confidence in the quality of this year's series, "With three grammy nominated artists and two top-tier tributes, this is set to be one of the best seasons our city has ever put on."

Go to WoodstockConcertSeries.com to RSVP for events and receive concert updates. All shows are free to attend and general admission.

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About City of Woodstock, GA: Located just 30 miles north of Atlanta, Woodstock's City limits include more than 12 square miles and over 35,000 residents. Woodstock is a Georgia PlanFirst Community and a recipient of Georgia Municipal Association's Live Work Play City Award. Learn more at woodstockga.gov.