

Summer

'04 The Artist



A SUMMER OF FUN: The Borough President's office recently released its Celebrate Summer schedule, and here it is:

It all begins with the Celebrate America Concert and Fireworks on July 3 at Wolfe's Pond Park at 6 p.m. with Lip Service and Kenny Vance & the Planotones.

The Starlight Concert Series looks like this, with times at 8 p.m.:
 July 8: Silver Lake Park, Philadelphia Funk Authority
 July 15: Westerleigh Park, Park Side Symphony
 July 22: Snug Harbor, Harry James Orchestra
 July 29: Veterans Park, Ray Rodriguez Swing
 Aug. 5: Clove Lakes Park, Big Frank & the Healers, Fireflies
 Aug. 12: Conference House, Dominick Montavano and Alive 'n Kickin
 Aug. 19: Silver Lake Park, Head over Heels

Doo-Wop at the Beach is set for July 9 at the Sea Turtle Circle at 8 p.m., featuring the Spaniels

The Back to the Beach Celebrations will run from noon to 9 p.m. at the Midland Beach Sea Turtle Circle on July 17-18, and again on Aug. 21-22. Fireworks will take place at 9 on the Saturdays, weather permitting.

Family Fun Day is set for Aug. 15 at the Carousel for All Children in Willowbrook Park from 5-7 p.m.

The End of Summer Concert and Fireworks will be Aug. 26 at the Midland Beach Fishing Pier.

For info, call (718) 816-2133.

Future File

▶ JUNE FEST CONCERT

Jazz comes in many flavors: cool, hot, swing, fusion and Japanese. On Saturday, June 26 at 2 p.m., WaFoo will present a jazz concert featuring original compositions and arrangements of Japanese folk-songs at the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art, 338 Lighthouse Ave. Staten Island.

WaFoo (a pun on the Japanese terms for "wind instrument" and "mind of harmony and kindness") is a group of New York-based Japanese musicians who are active performing internationally. The group includes bassist Kazuo Nakamura, drummer Yu-



taka Uchida (both Staten Islanders), pianist Takeshi Asai and soprano saxophone Tsuyoshi Niwa, decided to form a group after discovering that they had more in common than a degree from Berklee College of Music.

"We all sang the same songs from childhood, these wonderful melancholy pentatonic melodies," says band-leader and bassist Kazuo Nakamura. "We wanted to explore how it would fit with American jazz rhythms. I guess you could call it the 'Japanese blues.'"

WaFoo Jazz with Japanese Influence is part of JuneFest 2004, presented annually by COAHSI. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (718) 447-3329.



Saturday

26 IN CONCERT The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Staten Island, John D. Kearney, Division 3, present Black 47 in concert with Feast or Famine and Exposure 5 at the Alba House Meadow, 2187 Victory Blvd. Gates open at noon. Field closes at 6 p.m. \$20 at the gate or in advance at the Alba House Bookstore, Black Dog Grill, Bridget's Public House and the Rosebank Tavern. Proceeds benefit local charities. Food, soda and adult beverages available. No coolers. Call (718) 981-2455 for more info.

Saturday

26 TRADITIONAL DINNER Here's your chance to travel to the 18th and 19th centuries on a culinary tour of America's past at Historic Richmond Town. The traditional dinners, hosted by the Staten Island Historical Society, are back, with the first one set for 5-9 p.m. See the food prepared over open fires with spit-roasted meats and turkey roasted in a 19th century tin reflector oven. In addition, the menu features brick oven-baked bread, churned butter and more. Also, you get to tour the historic buildings that are found on the grounds. The cost is \$45 per person and reservations have to be made in advance. Call (718) 351-1611 for more information.

