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NEW HARMONIES CONCERT SERIES AT SMITHVILLE KICKS OFF SUNDAY

Capitol City Gospel Singers To Perform at 2 and 3 pm

The New Harmonies Concert Series at Historic Smithville Park kicks off on Sunday, June 26th, with Capitol City Gospel Singers at 2 and 3 pm. Sing along when the group performs old-time sacred songs.

The Concert Series is planned in conjunction with the New Harmonies Traveling Smithsonian Exhibit on display in the Smithville Mansion Annex Art Gallery through July 26th. The exhibit is open daily from 11 am to 4 pm.

The New Harmonies Concert Series brings live roots music to Smithville Park each Sunday. This Weekend's kick off concert in the park will showcase the music of the Capitol City Gospel Singers, a multidenominational group from Trenton.

"Burlington County is very fortunate to host this inspiring exhibit," said Freeholder Director Bruce Garganio. "I encourage our residents to check it out sometime over the next few weeks. And the price of admission is right – which is to say it is totally free."

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Sponsored by the New Jersey Council on the Humanities, the New Harmonies exhibit depicts the United States through music, photographs, recordings, instruments, lyrics and artist profiles. Artwork by Lady Bird Strickland of Willingboro and photographs by Alonzo Jennings of Moorestown are also on display in the gallery, one of only six sites in the state selected to host the New Harmonies exhibit.

The additional Sunday concerts at Smithville Park, also scheduled for 2 and 3 pm, are:

- July 3 – Singer/songwriter Spook Handy performing “Stand Up & Sing Out” folk music.
- July 10 – Country blues with John Golgan-Davis accompanied by guitarist Richard Ray Adler.
- July 17 - Zydeco-a-Go-Go performing Zydeco, Cajun and New Orleans rhythm and blues, preceded by a special performance of Celtic maritime music by Charlie Zahm beginning at 12:30 p.m.
- July 24 – Nationally-known storyteller Queen Nur along with Dwight James and Sarai Abdul-Malik presenting “Holla’, Shout and Turnabout.”

For more information about the New Harmonies Exhibit and programs at Historic Smithville Park, Smithville Road off Route 38 in Eastampton, call (609) 265-5858. or visit our website at www.co.burlington.nj.us.

New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music has been made possible at the Smithville Annex Gallery in Burlington County by the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the national Endowment for the Humanities. *New Harmonies: Celebration American Roots Music* is part of Museum on Main Street, in collaboration with Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.