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LILAC FEST ANNOUNCES ENTERTAINMENT, BEGINS COUNTDOWN TO SPRING

2017 to be the 'Year of the Funky Jam Bands'

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – February 16, 2017 – Today, Rochester Lilac Festival organizers announced eight concert headliners who will perform free shows for attendees May 12-21, 2017. With less than 90 days until opening day, Rochesterians can officially begin the countdown to the highly-anticipated festival season.

This year's 119th Annual Festival continues the tradition of bringing big-name national performers, on the cusp of super-stardom, to the Sahlen's Center Stage to entertain the more than 500,000 annual visitors from Upstate and beyond.

"The Rochester Lilac Festival is known for bringing talented performers to Rochester right before and in some cases as they have stepped into the big-league spotlight," said Festival Producer Jeff Springut. "Visitors come from all over the country to see their favorite bands here because you just can't beat a free performance set among the beautiful Highland Park gardens."

2017 Rochester Lilac Festival Headliners

[Click here for videos of headliners on our YouTube Channel](#)

Start Making Sense – May 12th

Get the Led Out – The American Led Zeppelin – May 13th

Skycoasters with Rock & Roll Hall of Famer (and Rochester native) Gene Cornish of the Rascals – May 14th

Lettuce – May 15th

Rusted Root- May 17th

Jonny Lang – May 18th

Quinn Sullivan – May 18th

Zac Brown Tribute Band – May 20th

Turkuaz – May 21st

"Our headliners this year represent a wide variety of music that will make visitors of all ages want to get up and jam," said Festival Producer Jeff Springut. "We curated the line-up to be something for everyone: a bit nostalgic, a tad funky, and of course a ton of fun."

More than 80 artists are set to perform at this year's Rochester Lilac Festival. Entertainment includes local fan-favorites, school groups, and Rochester Radio legend Tony Infantino, who will be celebrating his 40th year in Rochester radio with a special musical celebration by his band Keys to the Caddy. Several headliners are also still to be determined and will be announced at a later date. To learn more about all the entertainment, including biographies, photos and video, visit <http://www.rochesterevents.com/press-image-gallery/> and use code AccessRocEvents.

For more information about the festival itself visit www.lilacfestival.com.

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