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Caetani Centre Announces Two-Day Music Festival!

Get ready to dance and sing along when the **Caetani Summer Music Festival** takes place July 19 and 20.

VERNON — Get excited! The annual Caetani Summer Music Festival takes place July 19 and 20 on the beautiful Caetani Centre property on Pleasant Valley Road in Vernon.

This year, the Caetani Summer Music Festival will feature two days of live music, local food and artisans – and fun!

Bring the energy July 19 for our Friday Night Dance Party, featuring one of the last shows of Okanagan-Maritime crowd Mercer, who is the founding member and lead singer of Cod Gone Wild, says, favourites Cod Gone Wild. They will be followed by Vancouver dance band The Boom Booms, blending storytelling and music that draws on funk, soul and Latin styles to live up to their motto of "good grooves, good melodies, good times..."

This will be Caetani Music Festival's Music Coordinator Andrew Mercer's last year in the role.

"We're excited to have this festival as one our last performances. It's perfect – we love performing outside at the Caetani grounds, where we've always had such warm, lively audiences," says Mercer, who is also the founding member and lead singer of Cod Gone Wild.

"This will be a remarkable year for the festival, not only because it will be one of our last performances as a band, but because we'll be doing so alongside such a great, varied line-up of performers."

Caetani Centre Executive Director, Laisha Rosnau, adds: "Andrew will be so missed as Music Coordinator of the festival. We're not only thankful for his eleven years of

coordinating musical performances at Caetani, but for bringing together such a fantastic line-up for this year's festival – so much talent that we're holding it over two evenings instead of one."

The second night, July 20, features a sweet summer Saturday of jazz, folk, indie rock, roots and blues with the smooth sounds of Michaela Bray along with Vernon's own up-and-coming singer-songwriter Kailee Duggan. Closing out the evening will be indie-rock favourites the Devon Coyote Trio and the legendary Graham Ord Blues Revue.

Local food and market vendors will be available onsite both days of the festival along with a cash bar (19+). For more information and to learn more about the performers and venue go to www.caetani.org.

Tickets for **Caetani Summer Music Festival** are on sale now. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door, so we encourage all interested to buy tickets prior to the festival. Day passes as well as discounted two-day passes are available at the TicketSeller, 250-549-7469 or order online at ticketseller.ca.

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About the Caetani Centre:

The Caetani Centre is a vibrant and innovative arts and culture facility centered around a designated heritage home, gallery, exhibition space, and artist studio, all located on a beautiful 1.3 acre property in the heart of Vernon, BC.

The centre is known as one of the best-loved locations for arts and culture in the North Okanagan, welcoming visitors and artists from around the world each year. The

Caetani Centre offers regional, national and international initiatives and cultural programming, events and festivals.

Rooted in the compelling legacy of resilience and strength of Sveva Caetani, the Caetani Centre strives to ignite the power of art and story to inspire people, create community and enrich lives.

Sveva Caetani's life was one of both grandeur and hardship. Her father was a duke and prince whose family line could be traced back more than ten centuries in Italy. Yet, circumstances would lead to Sveva becoming completely isolated in the family home in Vernon, BC, for 25 years.

Upon her emergence from isolation, Sveva was able to reintegrate into society, in large part because of her involvement in the local arts and culture community of the Greater Vernon area, who welcomed her with open arms.

When Sveva left her home to the community of Greater Vernon in 1994 it was with the express wish that the house and property serve as a cultural facility for artistic expression and exploration in the North Okanagan. Due to community support and funding, this vision for her home has become reality. The Caetani Centre continues to bring together the past and present to inspire creativity and community.