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Week-Nights Popular at Bear Valley Music Festival

June 2006, BEAR VALLEY, CA – Although weekends always attract the largest audiences to its performances, the week-night events at the Bear Valley festival also feature top-notch talent, and draw appreciative crowds.

Now in its 38th season, the festival begins on Saturday, July 29 and includes performances on most evenings over the following two weeks. Festival events are held in a 1250-seat performance tent in the mountain hamlet of Bear Valley at 7000 feet on the Hwy. 4 approach to Ebbetts Pass. The tent also houses a covered courtyard with an art exhibit, food pavilion and wine bar.

“It’s less crowded on week-nights, the talent level remains high, and many attendees enjoy twilight tailgate parties before the performances”, says festival president, Randy Hanvelt. Voted the best summer attraction in the central Sierra, the festival prides itself on offering performances that appeal to all musical genre.

On Wednesday, August 2, the traditional “The Best of Broadway Pops” evening features hit show tunes. This year, Dennis McNeil and Marnie Breckenridge collaborate to sing melodies from various musicals including those by Andrew Lloyd Weber.

On Tuesday, August 8, a chamber music ensemble will celebrate Mozart’s birthday by performing his works in this, the 250th year following his birth.

On Wednesday, August 9, the County Line Trio returns with its tribute to the Kingston Trio. Hearing these memorable ‘60s tunes, audiences invariably respond to the humor and high energy exhibited by this group.

Then on Thursday, August 10, actor/singer/guitar player, John Corbett, leads his band in playing music in the same natural, down-to-earth spirit that he’s displayed in his roles in the acclaimed TV series “Sex and the City” and

“Northern Exposure” and in the hit films, “My Big Fat Greek Wedding” and “Raising Helen”.

The full festival performance schedule and ticket ordering information can be found at www.bearvalleymusic.org, or by calling the festival office at 1-800-458-1618 or (209)753-2574.

Photo Captions:

Photo A: John Corbett brings the same easy grace to his music as he displays in his roles on television and in the movies.

Photo B: The County Line Trio exhibits infectious fun in paying tribute to the Kingston Trio’s tunes.