

MUSIC LESSON: PROFESSOR LOUIE AND THE CROWMATIX PLAY THE RIVERFRONT CONCERT SERIES AT PEEKSKILL CELEBRATION 2007

Peekskill, N.Y. – Professor Louie and the Crowmatix with the ROA Horns will headline the Riverfront Concert Series on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 during Peekskill Celebration 2007. Anna Cheek will also perform.

Held on the Hudson River shore at Riverfront Green Park in Peekskill, the Riverfront Concert Series will present shows every Wednesday evening from July 4 to Aug. 1, 2007. As always, parking, entertainment, shuttle buses and admission to the grounds will be free.

Concerts begin at 6 pm and end at 9 pm. Shuttle buses will run from downtown Peekskill and Charles Point Park to the concert site between 6 pm and 9:30 pm. In case of rain, the show will be held at The Paramount Center for the Arts in downtown Peekskill.

Born and raised in Peekskill, singer and keyboardist Aaron “Professor Louie” Hurwitz moved to New York City after he graduated from Peekskill High School. There, he became a fixture at jazz and rock clubs and toured the country with the Gospel Giants of Brooklyn.

Given his nickname by Rick Danko, bass player for The Band, Professor Louie formed the Crowmatix to record demos of songs that he would bring to Danko and drummer Levon Helm for their consideration.

The Crowmatix have grown tight over the years and will perform with Tom “Bones” Malone, who has played trombone and other wind instruments with The Blues Brothers, the Saturday Night Live Band, Frank Zappa, Gil Evans, The Band and Blood, Sweat & Tears, among dozens of other major acts. He also appears regularly on the Late Show with David Letterman.

Anna Cheek, born in New Orleans, undertook formal piano studies at The Royal Conservatory of Music in Canada. After stopovers in Maine and Puerto Rico, she settled in the Woodstock area. Her distinctive voice and adept piano playing have drawn comparisons with Tori Amos, Norah Jones and Rikki Lee Jones.

Every year, Peekskill Celebration hosts several fun, family-friendly events and activities along the Hudson River, including a Wednesday evening concert series during July that features national acts and Hudson Valley artists. Celebration Weekend begins on Friday, Aug. 3 with a concert headlined by Chuck Negron, formerly of Three Dog Night. The festivities culminate on Saturday, Aug. 4 with events and music all day long, Dragon Boat Races and a professionally-produced fireworks extravaganza.

Music Schedule at Peekskill Celebration 2007

Wednesdays, July 4 – August 1

Riverfront Green Park, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Riverfront Concert Series

July 4 – A Little Bit of This & That, with Burr Johnson
(Peekskill FD fireworks display after the show)

July 11 – Slaid Cleaves, with Scott Seltzer

July 18 – Brewer & Shipley, with Arlon Bennett

July 25 – Professor Louie & the Crowmatix, with Anna Creek

Aug. 1 – Nashville Attitude, with TBD

Friday, Aug. 3

Riverfront Green Park, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Main Stage Kick-Off Concert featuring **Chuck Negron**, formerly of **Three Dog Night**

Spotlight Artist: Marc Von Em

Saturday, Aug. 4

Riverfront Green Park

Main Stage Entertainment 11:45 am – 11:00 pm

Area schools, youth organizations and professional performers.

About Peekskill Celebration 2007

Now in its 11th year, the annual Peekskill Celebration is the largest festival in the Hudson Valley. Attracting over 30,000 people from the metropolitan New York City area, the festivities highlight the vibrant City of Peekskill and its maritime heritage. Run by a not-for-profit corporation committed to strengthening community ties, the events celebrate family, food, fireworks, music, crafts, Dragon Boats and more. Venues include stunning Riverfront Green Park, Charles Point Park and historic downtown Peekskill.

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