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Nationwide event to be held Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016

# WASHINGTON D.C. REGION WELCOMES CONGRESS BACK WITH EIGHT CONCERTS AS PART OF THE

## CONCERTS ACROSS AMERICA TO END GUN VIOLENCE

Fairfax County, VA, September 15, 2016. The D.C. region will be well represented on Sunday, September 25 as it hosts eight free concerts as part of the nationwide Concert Across America to End Gun Violence. The purpose of the concerts is to remember the victims of America's gun violence epidemic with a series of live events from coast to coast. A coalition of gun violence prevention activists in the area have worked for months to bring this nationwide movement to the national capital region.

"Our region is the home to the United States Congress, a body unwilling to enact any common sense gun reform. We want to bring this to their front door," said Jean White, one of the organizers of the regional concerts. "During the most recent congressional recess, more than 4,500 Americans died from gun violence, including many innocent children. Ignoring this is not a solution," White added.

The regional events will be part of more than 250 concerts nationwide featuring more than 1,000 artists, including Jackson Browne, Roseanne Cash, Kenny Loggins, Don Felder (formerly of the Eagles), Christopher Cross, Zach Gill, Ozomatli, and Michael McDonald. The concerts will all connect that day via social media and Facebook Live.

The DC. Region September 25 concerts include:

## Tysons Biergarten, Tysons Corner, VA—5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

8346 Leesburg Pike.

Featuring two-time GRAMMY winners Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, The Harried Americans, Know1Else, The Glimpses, singer/songwriter Tim White, and PG and the Hot Tips

#### Sehkraft Brewing, Arlington, VA— 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

925 North Garfield St.

Featuring Jeff Smith and the Human Wilderness

## Cafe Montmartre, Reston, VA-5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

1625 Washington Plaza N.

Featuring the Northern Virginia Ukulele Society

#### Clare & Don's Beach Shack, Falls Church, VA—5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

130 N. Washington Street Featuring Ramon Camarillo

# Argia's Italian Restaurant, Falls Church, VA— 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

124 N. Washington Street,

Featuring Josh Walker and George Mason High School jazz band

## Applebee's Restaurant, Falls Church, VA—5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

127 E. Broad Street Featuring AndrewAcosta

## Lil City Creamery, Falls Church, VA— 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

114 W. Broad Street

Featuring The Yeonas Brothers Band

## Dupont Circle Fountain, Washington, D.C.—11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Featuring casts from past musicals at Keegan Theatre and guest artists

Concerts will also include speakers affected by gun violence as well as elected officials working toward common sense solutions through sensible legislation.

In addition to these public concerts, several places of worship in the region will dedicate services or music that day in unity with the national effort to remember victims of gun violence.

DC Region concerts are being sponsored by the Reston Herndon Alliance to End Gun Violence, Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence, Northern Virginia Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, and the Virginia Gun Violence Prevention Coalition.

For more information, visit www.ConcertAcrossAmerica.org #ConcertAcrossAmerica #EndGunViolence

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About the Concert Across America

The Concert Across America is coordinated nationally by the team that organized the highly visible Million Mom March in 2000. This is not about taking away guns; it's about common sense actions to reduce the number of death in the country due to guns. It's time to turn up the music to turn down the hateful rhetoric that has become a hallmark of the gun debate.