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ARTISTS ANNOUNCED FOR THE DC REGION / CITY OF FALLS CHURCH "CONCERT ACROSS AMERICA TO END GUN VIOLENCE"

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

The City of Falls Church, VA, August 31, 2016. A coalition of gun violence prevention activists in Northern Virginia has announced its participation in a national Concert Across America to End Gun Violence, scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2016. The City of Falls Church events, are one of several local concerts and over 200 national concerts being held across the U.S. September 25, each connected via social media and online at: http://www.ConcertAcrossAmerica.org

This effort is not anti-gun. This is about turning down the hateful rhetoric often associated with the gun debate and using music to raise our voice in a positive way to focus on change. . . . because 33,000 gun deaths a year is just not acceptable to the American public. There will be music and there will be a call to action - what can we do together to keep guns out of the hands of people that should not have them.

Mark your calendars: Free "Concerts" Sunday, September 25, 5:00PM-8:00PM in the heart of downtown Falls Church City at:

Clare & Don's Beach Shack * 130 N. Washington Street * Artist: Ramon Camarillo, Hawaiian musician www.islandmelodies.com

Argia's Italian Restaurant * 124 N. Washington Street * **Artist:** Josh Walker, jazz guitarist and George Mason High School jazz band www.joshuawalker.net

Applebee's Restaurant * 127 E. Broad Street * **Artist**: Andrew Acosta, traditional, roots, originals, guitarist/singer www.andrewacosta.com

Lil City Creamery * 114 W. Broad Street * Artist: The Yeonas Brothers Band, 60's music www.facebook.com/pages/Yeonas-Brothers-Band/518857268264258



"We need to make protecting children from gun violence intentional." Marcus B. Simon, House of Delegates, Virginia 53^{rd District} Democrat

"We are not for disarming people. When you have an epidemic it's a public health issue, a safety issue."

Sarah J. Brady, wife of James Brady White House Press Secretary under President Ronald Reagan, who was seriously injured in an assination attempt on President Reagan, and longtime advocate against gun violence.

Local partners:

The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Northern Virginia Chapter www.bradycampaign.org

Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence www.concernedcitizensva.org
Reston Herndon Alliance to End Gun Violence www.facebook.com/Alliance-to-End-Gun-Violence-Reston-Herndon-4165732

Virginia Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention www.facebook.com/VACoalitionGVP/

"The problems of this world should bother us, gun violence bothers us." Carol P. Luten, Local Organizer.

For more information about the Concert Across America to End Gun Violence, visit concertacrossamerica.org

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About the Concert Across America

The Concert Across America will take place on Sept. 25, the date designated by Congress in 2007 as a day of remembrance for murder victims. This nationwide event will bring together a network of organizations, activists and artists with the dual goals of keeping guns out of dangerous hands and making the issue of illegal guns top of mind for members of Congress, the presidential candidates, and the American people as they go to the polls in November 2016. Boston was the first city to announce, spearheaded by Stop Handgun Violence. For more information visit concertacrossamerica.org