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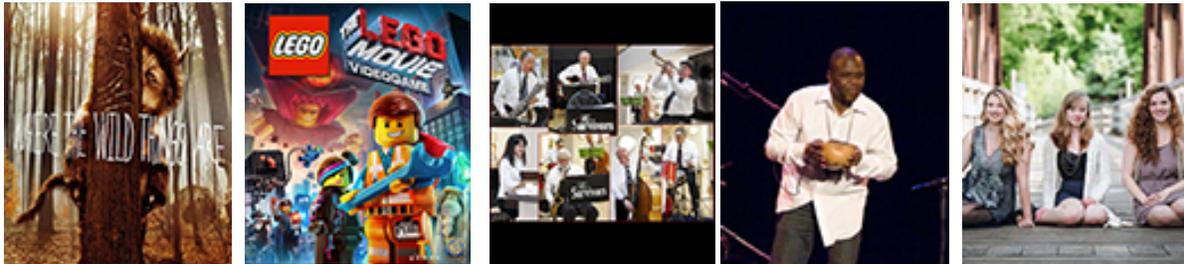
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FREE FAMILY SUMMER MUSIC AND MOVIE SERIES AT THE AUTORINO CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (May 31, 2016) – The Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities at the University of Saint Joseph will make family fun local and affordable this summer with its FREE Family Summer Music and Movie Series. Set to take place outdoors on the Center’s lawn, the series – free for all due to generous underwriting from Aetna – will feature films and live entertainment each Tuesday evening from June 14–July 5, 2016. While food will be available for purchase at the events, families are also welcome to bring picnics.

“The Autorino Center is pleased to offer more family-friendly community programs on the USJ campus,” said Steve Raider-Ginsburg, Director of the Center. “Creating a gathering space that welcomes the community aligns with our commitment to the University’s Mercy values.”

Survivors Swing Band

Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 5:30 p.m.

Free

The Survivors Swing Band – a Connecticut-based, 7-piece professional jazz band – is known for their energetic and exciting performances of classic music from eras past. From soothing ballads to the hot tunes of the Swing Era and the two decades following, the band promises to deliver a night of fun and dancing.

Where the Wild Things Are

Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at dusk

Opening band: Bandshes, 6:30 p.m.

Free

When nine-year-old Max runs away from home and becomes king of the land where the Wild Things are, he rules a world of gigantic, fuzzy monsters. Along his journey, he realizes that being a king is not as carefree as he originally believed. Directed by Spike Jonze, *Where the Wild Things Are* – based on Maurice Sendak’s classic children’s book of the same name – will entertain the entire family.

The LEGO Movie

Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at dusk

Opening band: Bandshes, 6:30 p.m.

Free

When Emmet – an ordinary, rule-following LEGO minifigure – is mistakenly identified as the “Special” who will save the world, he finds himself partnered with strangers, embarking on a valiant quest to stop a tyrant’s evil plans. Though underprepared for this adventure, Emmet becomes an unlikely hero in this hilarious and heart-warming movie.

The Bandshes

Local group, the Bandshes, will perform before both movie presentations. Formed in 2013, prior to their senior year at the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts, the group has developed a unique sound akin to Doris Day and Regina Spektor. In 2015, their song “Lost Cities” was featured in Universal’s motion picture, *Unfriended*.

Samite

Tuesday, July 5, 2016, 5:30 p.m.

Free

Born and raised in Uganda, this world-renowned musician, humanitarian, and photographer travels the globe to spread his message of hope and peace through the power of music. He will bring an evening of uplifting world music to the University of Saint Joseph this summer.

For more information on the Family Summer Music and Movie Series, please visit:

<http://www.usj.edu/arts/performing-arts/our-current-season/>.

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Connecticut; at off-campus locations throughout the state; and online. Undergraduate programs for women and for coeducational adult students take place on our beautiful suburban campus and include more than 25 majors and seven pre-professional programs, each of which provides personal attention in a caring environment. Founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy, the University of Saint Joseph welcomes students from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. To learn more, view our website at www.usj.edu.

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