

**ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO INVITES THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY
THE ESSEX COUNTY FREE SUMMERMUSIC CONCERT SERIES**
Upcoming Events Feature The Duprees, Latin Splendor and Trilogy Opera Company

Essex County, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. invites the public to visit the Essex County Park System and enjoy the *2017 Essex Country Free Summer Music Concert Series*. Upcoming events feature The Duprees, Latin Splendor and the Trilogy Opera Company.

“Our Free Concert Series offers a diverse lineup of performers who will take center stage in venues throughout our historic Essex County Park System. Pack a blanket, enjoy the cool evening breeze and dance to the sounds of classical, rock and roll, jazz, big band, Latin and more. We have an outstanding line-up that is sure to entertain and impress,” DiVincenzo said.

The Duprees

The Duprees were founded in Jersey City in the early sixties. The band’s smooth vocals and doo wop style earned them the attention of George Paxton, a former big band leader. Paxton gave the band the opportunity to record their first single and first hit record. The Duprees rose to fame with the 1962 hit “You Belong To Me” and continued to occupy the music charts with love songs for the rest of the decade. Their distinct style earned them more than 10 hit records between 1962 and 1966. The original members of The Duprees were inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2006. It will be held as follows:

Date: Friday, July 7, 2017
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Essex County Brookdale Park
Bellevue Avenue
Montclair and Bloomfield, NJ

Latin Splendor

The 2017 Essex Summer Concert Series continues with a performance by Latin Splendor in Essex County Riverbank Park. It will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Essex County Independence Park
Van Buren Street
Newark, NJ

Trilogy Opera Company

Trilogy Opera Company is presenting a production of “Treemonisha” written by Scott Joplin, an African American composer famous for his ragtime piano pieces. The opera examines the idea that education is the salvation of the Negro race by following Treemonisha, an educator who leads her community against magicians who prey on the ignorance and superstition of others. When the magicians kidnap Treemonisha, the community is left with a decision on whether or not to reject the magician’s message. It will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Essex County Veterans Memorial Park
Market Street
Newark, NJ

The Summer Music Concert Series is being sponsored by Rose Squared Productions, The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey and TD Bank. The series is also made possible, in part, by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

Concerts are held at accessible sites. Persons who require special accommodations or assistance are asked to call at least two weeks prior to the concert to alert staff as to their needs. Admission to the concerts is free. For more information, please call the Department of Parks, Recreations and Cultural Affairs at 973-268-3500.