

**ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO INVITES THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY
THE ESSEX COUNTY FREE SUMMERMUSIC CONCERT SERIES**
Upcoming Events Feature Darlene Love, Denise Hamilton and Julian & Dominique

Essex County, NJ –Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. invites the public to visit the Essex County Parks System and enjoy the *2017 Essex County Free Summer Music Concert Series*. Upcoming events feature Darlene Love, Denise Hamilton and Julian & Dominique.

“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,” DiVincenzo said.

Darlene Love

Darlene Love began her career singing in the church choir as a child. She later worked with renowned producer Phil Spector while performing in a girl group called the Blossoms. Her incredible vocal skills quickly led her to stand out among the group and she was sought after as a solo vocalist. In the 1950s and ‘60s, she worked with legendary musicians such as Sam Cooke, Dionne Warwick, The Beach Boys, Elvis Presley and Tom Jones. Love has lent her vocal skills to numerous hits throughout the decades. In March 2011, Love’s lifelong work was honored when she was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. It will be held as follows:

Date: Friday, July 14, 2017
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Essex County Brookdale Park
Watchung Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ
Bellevue Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ

Denise Hamilton

Denise Hamilton is a Jazz and R&B singer with a smooth voice and amazing range. She is a retired teacher from East Orange public schools. With her distinct and compelling voice, Hamilton has no problem commanding a stage. She has performed in places like Cecil’s Jazz Club and for the likes of Hillary Clinton. It will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Essex County Monte Irvin Orange Park
Center Street and Harrison Street
Orange, NJ

Julian & Dominique

Julian & Dominique are a strong duo that performs covers of the best new and classical hits. Known for his fantastic impersonations, Julian has been performing in clubs and restaurants as some of the 20th century’s most popular musicians. His list of impersonations includes Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong and Luther Vandross as well as both Natalie and Nat King Cole. Dominique similarly has a large repertoire of artists that she covers including Celine

Dion, Aretha Franklin, Lady Gaga and Meghan Trainor. She also sings in English, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. Together Julian & Dominique put on dynamic and entertaining performances. It will be held as follows:

Date: **Wednesday, July 19, 2017**
Time: **7 p.m.**
Place: **Essex County Riverbank Park**
 Somme Street
 Newark, NJ

The SummerMusic 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, Recreation and Cultural Affairs at 973-268-3500.