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## NEWS

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Wilton Library's summer concerts begin June 28

Wilton, CT – The weather has been a roller coaster ride over the last few weeks confusing people as to whether it is spring or fall, but one thing that is certain is that Wilton Library's much-anticipated 18<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Music & More Concert Series is all set to begin. The concerts are on **Thursday nights, June 28, July 12, 19 and 26, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.** and are free and open to everyone. There is a one-week gap in the concert schedule this year due to the town's July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks rain date set for July 5<sup>th</sup>. The four-week concert series has been generously sponsored by The Village Market for the past 18 seasons.

According to Village Market co-owner Tim Dolnier, "We are happy to be the sponsors of Wilton Library's summer concert series for the past eighteen years. The library is a wonderful institution and we're delighted to be able to bring this much fun to Wilton in the summer."

Mike Picheco, co-owner agreed, "We love seeing the smiles of our customers who come in and tell us how much they've enjoyed the concerts."

**Over Easy** returns for its second year to open the library's concert series on June 28. This talented trio brings their harmonies on '60s and '70s surfing and British invasion classics, along with their banter which delighted the audience last year. Whether it's "Name That Tune" or just singing along with the group, the audience is a very interactive part of the entertainment. The musicians are Steve Cinque (bass/vocals), Mark Holleran (keys/guitar/vocals) and Jim Zembruski (drums/percussion).

The concerts continue on July 12 with **The Conn Artists**, a highly-acclaimed seven member men's a cappella singing group based out of Fairfield, CT. Not easily classified, the group moves easily from Doo-wop to Duke Ellington, from madrigals to folk ballad arrangements of the '70s, and more. The group includes Martin Brayboy - Harwinton (Litchfield County); David Callahan - Fairfield; John Carlson - Ridgefield; Charlie Dear - Guilford; Doug

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Rollins - Guilford; Peter Sachner - Hamden; and Gary Schanzer - Weston. Although they do not consider themselves professional musicians – their “day jobs” range from attorney to financial planner to orthodontist – they all have backgrounds in a cappella music having sung with top collegiate groups. Their alma maters are the Princeton Nassoons, Amherst Zumbyes, Williams Ephlats, Trinity BMOC, and the New Hampshire Gentlemen (UNH). The group placed second in the New York regionals of the national a cappella competition, *Harmony Sweepstakes*.

**Billy & The Showmen**, '70s R&B, Soul and Funk, return to the library on July 19 for their second year with a rousing 13+ member, full-throttle band with musical director Billy Frenz on guitar and vocals. The group has been together for more than 50 years and their style, talent, energy and performance are a testament to that dedication – and to how they get people dancing in the aisles.

Steve Kazlauskas wraps up the summer season on July 26 with his **Echoes of Sinatra** performance, capturing the Great American Songbook songs of Frank Sinatra in perfect pitch. This will be Steve’s sixth year returning to the library to perform in front of a very enthusiastic audience.

The concerts are open to the public and free of charge. Free refreshments are available courtesy of the library with wine generously donated by Michael Crystal.

The concerts are in the library’s Brubeck Room so concertgoers can choose either air-conditioned seating indoors or they can take advantage of beautiful summer evenings in the Brubeck Courtyard. The concerts take place rain or shine with no reservations needed.

Wilton Library is located in the heart of Wilton Center at 137 Old Ridgefield Road. For information and directions, visit [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org) or call 203-762-6334.

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**Caption:** **Over Easy** opens Wilton Library’s 18<sup>th</sup> season of the Summer Music & More Concert Series on Thursday, **June 28**, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with its interactive, audience participation covers of '60s harmonious hits. Pictured: (l-r) Jim Zemruski, Mark Holleran and Steve Cinque.



**Caption: The Conn Artists** continue Wilton Library's 18<sup>th</sup> Summer Music & More Concert Series with their performance of a cappella songs from Doo-wop to Duke Ellington and more on Thursday, **July 12**, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Pictured: front row, (l-r): Charlie Dear - Guilford; Martin Brayboy - Harwinton (Litchfield County); back row (l-r): David Callahan - Fairfield; Peter Sachner - Hamden; John Carlson - Ridgefield; Doug Rollins - Guilford; Gary Schanzer - Weston.



**Caption: Billy & the Showmen** perform at Wilton Library's 18<sup>th</sup> Summer Music & More Concert Series on Thursday, **July 19**, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with their rousing R&B, Soul and Funk renditions of popular songs from the '70s and more.



**Caption: Steve Kazlauskas** brings his **Echoes of Sinatra** performance to Wilton Library's final concert in its Summer Music & More Concert Series on Thursday, **July 26**, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Steve captures the essence of Frank Sinatra with renditions from the Great American Songbook.