



The 2020 edition of Twilight at the Gazebo has come to a close. We began this concert series a few years ago as a way to bring the community together; a celebration of the arboretum through the talents of local musicians and performers. We wanted people to gather on a nice summer evening and be together as a community.

But this year was different. The year of the pandemic threw everything into doubt; how could we have a concert if we couldn't gather? Would anyone want to come? Would we even be allowed to hold our event?

I am proud to say that we were able to host our concert series. We were able to gather in a safe and responsible way. The community embraced the chance to be out and experience something normal, the musicians had an opportunity to be in front of real live people for the first time in many months, and we found a new outlet through Facebook Live and Instagram Live to reach even more people. We had a great event.

It is important to extend our thanks to everyone who made the Twilight at the Gazebo series such a success; first to the talented performers who shared their art and talent with us;

**July 1 – Jake Thistle** opened the series with energy and enthusiasm. **Dave Lang** and **Margie DeRosso** who brought their signature warmth to the Gazebo.

**July 8 – PD Brody** is a favorite of the Gazebo audience; cool and smooth and full of charm and humor

**July 15 – Adrian Condis** and **Matthew Whitaker** set a new standard with their level of musicianship. They thrilled the audience with their infectious joyous jazz.

**Lee Reiser** closed the evening showcasing his years of pop experience and showmanship performing beloved standards.

**July 29 –** We were so happy that **Dylan Lynch** was back for a set of pop standards. **Anna Caley** showed her range as a singer songwriter and captivated the audience with her voice, her style, and her warmth. Closing our show was the **Lex Bontia Trio**. The Bontia family weave beautiful harmonies and allow each member to shine.

**August 5 –** We could not end the series without rescheduling the rainout and bring back two concert favorites; **Thad MacGreggor** is the definition of musical troubadour; delightful banter woven between pop standards played with charm and honesty. Closing our 2020 season was fan favorite **Betsy Barone**. Betsy was the perfect choice to cap the series - charming and fun and playful, she made sure everyone was involved and singing.

Thanks to all our performers, to our Council Liaison Connor Gorman and all our supporters on the Boro Council, Mayor Andrew LaBruno, Administrator Chris Tully, Shade Tree desk Cathy Romeo, Chief Connor, Anthony Schiarldi and all our friends on the DPW, the Arboretum Garden Committee and volunteers. Thanks to the people of Dumont for supporting us and making this a town worth caring about. And the most special thanks to **Erin Caley**, without whom our series might be nothing more than me reciting poetry and playing the bongos. Through her deep and wide connections as a music teacher she has invited all the talented people to make our series the delightful event that it is. Thanks Erin.

***See you next year!***

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