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Wyland Foundation Water Exhibit Kicks Off “Summer Concerts in the Park”

Mobile, interactive exhibit with 40-person theater illustrates importance of water conservation

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The popular Summer Concerts in the Park series kicks off Wednesday (6/18) at Fairmount Park with live entertainment from Latin Society, family activities and a special visit from the Wyland Foundation Clean Water Mobile Learning Experience, which uses the latest technology to demonstrate the connections between a community and its water supply.

The popular concert series, which is free for the entire family, will be held from 6-9 p.m. at Fairmount Park, 2601 Fairmount Blvd. in Riverside. The concert series continues each Wednesday through July 30, with the exception of July 2, when no concert is scheduled.

The Clean Water Mobile Learning Experience is a 1,000-square-foot interactive exhibit on wheels that demonstrates the many ways water shapes our lives and how our lives are shaped by it. The Wyland Foundation makes the mobile exhibit available to show the importance of how we use and conserve water amid growing populations, changes in weather patterns and drought conditions.

Presented in partnership with The Toro Company and the City of Riverside, the exhibit will be open to the public from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday. The exhibit uses models to explore the nature of watersheds -- the movement of water in bounded hydrologic systems -- via rain over a city landscape, a running river, computer model simulations and a 40-person onboard multi-sensory theater.

More than 500,000 people have visited the exhibit since 2008. The exhibit was created by the Wyland Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by renowned marine artist and environmentalist Wyland with support from National Van Lines.

“It is one thing to learn about watersheds in school,” according to Wyland. “But this exhibit literally rolls into communities from the deserts to the coasts and puts educational resources into the hands of people to give them a broader sense of what watersheds do and how important our watersheds are.”