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Simulcast prepares to rock Music in Amphitheater Concert Series

Oct. 2, 2015— One of the most popular concerts of the Music in the Amphitheater series is definitely the annual Simulcast performance. This year will be a somber one, for the band and for fans, as it is the first without band member, Scott McKenzie. McKenzie passed away in August after a long battle with cancer. He played lead guitar and backup vocals for Simulcast.

Deltona audiences have always loved Simulcast which also features Fox 35's Bob Frier and lead vocalist, Gladys Justiniano. The band plays really great music from the 1980's to today's hits and are probably the most well-attended concert in the Music in the Amphitheater series. This year, their concert will be from 7 to 9 p.m., Oct. 10, in the Deltona Amphitheater, 2150 Eustace Ave. As always the concerts are free to the public.

Frier plays the keyboard and also adds backup vocals, but it's Gladys Justiniano who leads the group through a song list that encompasses pop, classic rock, blues, and modern country genres. Ben Van Hook (guitar), Tony Triozzi (drums) and Mark Dawson (bass) complete the band.

Frier, TV anchorman for WOFL, FOX 35, and McKenzie were buddies for years. One afternoon after producing a song together, McKenzie had the idea for starting a band. Since they were both on the air, they decided to call the band "Simulcast." Frier grabbed the idea and ran with it. His first phone call was to Gladys Justiniano, who had recently won Orlando's version of American Idol. After canvassing the area for the best musicians, four more players were invited to jam a couple of evenings at the TV station between newscasts. The chemistry was immediate, and after a few months of rehearsals, Simulcast took their show to the public.



Since their launch in 2007, Simulcast has been invited to play at Universal CityWalk, The House of Blues, BB King's club, and downtown Orlando music festivals. Simulcast has shared the stage with some of their favorite artists including Goo Goo Dolls, Sara Bareilles, Collective Soul, Third Eye Blind, Five For Fighting, and Matt Nathanson. The band also plays at numerous charity and private events throughout Central Florida.

Several food trucks including Flaming Pizza, SMAC, Jake's BBQ, SWAT and London Fish & Chippy will be in the library parking lot.

The 2015 Music in the Amphitheater Series takes place the second Saturday of each month from April to October in the Deltona Amphitheater. This month, music lovers will get a double helping of performances. Then2Now will perform from 7-9 p.m., Oct. 17, as a concert they had scheduled in September was cancelled because of weather. For information on this and other events happening in the Deltona Amphitheater, call Deltona Parks & Recreation, (386) 878-8900.