

Carowinds Announces Fourth Of July Activities, Concerts

Carowinds theme park has announced special Fourth of July activities and additional Paladium concerts.

To celebrate the Fourth of July holiday weekend, Carowinds will be open Friday, July 5 (the park is normally closed Fridays). Carowinds will operate on extended hours for the holiday weekend and will be open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Thursday, July 4, through Saturday, July 6. The park will be open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday, July 7.

Carowinds will be illuminated by fireworks starting at 10 p.m. on July 4. Park guests will be able to view the fireworks spectacular (co-sponsored by WSOC radio) from their cars in the Carowinds parking lot after enjoying a day at the 77-acre theme park. The general public is invited to park in the lot, free of charge, starting at 9 p.m. to view the fireworks display.

The WSOC Music Country Talent Hunt, which showcases the 20 best country bands in the Carolinas, takes place at the Carowinds Sound Circus July 1 through July 4 from 5-8 p.m. Carowinds guests can enjoy the music provided by bands competing in the talent hunt free of charge.

Carowinds will wrap-up the Fourth of July holiday weekend with the appearance of a Paladium favorite, Jimmy Buffett, Saturday, July 6, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 7, at 7 p.m. Buffett's most recent release, "Last Mango In Paris," joins previous hit albums, "Riddle in the Sand," "Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes," "Somewhere Over China," and "Son of a Sailor," plus a long list of hit singles like "Margari-taville."

Other big-name concerts scheduled for the Carowinds Paladium include the just-announced appearance of John Cafferty and The Beaver Brown Band on Saturday, July 20, at 7 p.m. This group is best known for their soundtrack for the movie Eddie and the Cruisers which sold over a million copies. Their current hit album, "Tough All Over," contains the hit single by the same name.

The Charlie Daniels Band will kick up its heels Sunday, July 21, on the Paladium stage with a rousing performance at 7 p.m.

Patti LaBelle, a record-



Pattie LaBelle
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ing artist long accustomed to the top of the charts, takes the Paladium stage on Saturday, August 3. LaBelle will mix incredibly powerful rock and rhythm and blues with unbelievable energy for performances at 3 and 8 p.m.

On Saturday, August 25, Amy Grant will make a concert appearance at the Paladium at 4 p.m. Grant's album, "Age to Age," is the most successful album in the history of contemporary Gospel music. Now, with the release of "Un-guarded," her first all-new album for A&M Records, Grant is the subject of glowing reviews by much of the country's pop music press.

More Paladium concerts will be announced


soon, according to Carowinds Marketing Director Garry Bickett.

Paladium tickets go on sale at Carowinds at 9 a.m. the morning of each concert.

Paladium tickets may also be purchased at Ticketron outlets in North and South Carolina including the new Ticketron outlet at Carowinds where park guests may purchase advance tickets to future Paladium concerts.

With Carowinds and Ocean Island located just off I-77 (exit 74) 10 miles south of Charlotte and 12 miles north of Rock Hill, big-name concerts and Fourth of July fun are just around the corner.

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