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## Anythink's 2017 Backyard Concert Series lineup announced

Proceeds to benefit the Anythink Foundation

THORNTON, Colo.—May 19, 2017—Anythink's annual family-friendly <u>Backyard Concert Series</u> returns for its fifth season to help bring the community together through music. A fundraiser for the Anythink Foundation, the Backyard Concert Series helps support special programs and projects at Anythink. Held in the one-acre park adjacent to Anythink Wright Farms in Thornton, Colo., the Backyard Concert Series is an opportunity for community members of all ages to enjoy live music in a picnic-style setting. Doors open with food and drink available for purchase at 5:30 pm; bands perform from 6:30-8:30 pm. Admission to the concerts is free, and attendees are invited to bring their family and neighbors for an opportunity to meet new friends and celebrate the summer season. This year's lineup includes:

Funkiphino – Friday, June 9 Gora Gora Orkestar – Friday, July 14 Hazel Miller Band – Friday, Aug. 11

For the third year in a row, Anythink hosts Anythink LIVE!, a teen music contest that celebrates the creativity and talent of Anythink's teenage customers. The winner of Anythink LIVE! will perform live as opening act for the Hazel Miller Band at 6 pm on Friday, Aug. 11 More details about the contest will follow in coming weeks.

Concertgoers will have the option to purchase food at the Backyard Concert Series, provided by an array of different food trucks, with 10 percent of sales benefitting the Anythink Foundation. Beer provided by Great Divide Brewing and wine from Balistreri Vineyards will also be for sale, proceeds of which will also be donated to the Anythink Foundation.

The Backyard Concert Series is made possible by generous support from community sponsors Ciancio Ciancio Brown, P.C., Great Divide Brewing, Mountain States Toyota, Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Colorado Swim School, Griffith Home Team, Valley Bank & Trust, Dispute Resolution Professionals, LLC, Balistreri Vineyards and Cherrywood Liquor.

## About the bands

<u>Funkiphino</u>: One of Colorado's most popular funk bands, Funkiphino will have everyone in the crowd on their feet dancing. This high-energy performance covers everything from classic crowd favorites to current pop hits.

Gora Gora Orkestar: Gora Gora Orkestar brings the sounds of the Balkans to the Rockies with high-energy performances. This 10-piece brass band is dedicated to making the audience dance with its infectious rhythm and distinct brand of feel-good music. The sound is an eclectic mix, blending Old World melodies of Eastern European folk with the back beat of American funk and the sway of South American tango.

**Hazel Miller Band:** Hazel Miller isn't just a great singer, she's a force of nature. Her decades-long career includes numerous awards and honors, including opening for artists such as James Brown, The Temptations and Mel Torme. The Hazel Miller Band performs an eclectic mix of jazz, R&B and blues. Their set is designed to get the crowd singing and dancing along with them.

## Event Details Backyard Concert Series

Benefitting the Anythink Foundation

Second Friday of the month Doors open with food and drink available at 5:30 pm Music from 6:30-8:30 pm

> June 9 – Funkiphino July 14 – Gora Gora Orkestar Aug. 11 – Hazel Miller Band

Anythink Wright Farms 5877 E. 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. Thornton, CO 80602

Enjoy music, food and fun for the whole family. Monthly concerts are free and open to the public. Proceeds from food and beverage sales benefit the Anythink Foundation.

## About Anythink<sup>TM</sup>

Anythink is a new style of library – a place of unlimited imagination, where play inspires creativity and lifelong learning. Rangeview Library District serves the residents of Adams County with seven Anythink libraries and <u>Anythink in Motion</u> – the district's mobile library – and is one of the recipients of the 2010 National Medal of Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For more information, go to <u>anythinklibraries.org</u>.