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Anythink's Backyard Concert Series returns

Community concerts feature Roka Hueka, Leon and the Revival, and Hazel Miller Band

THORNTON, Colo.—May 31, 2018—The annual Anythink <u>Backyard Concert Series</u>, presented by Xcel Energy, returns in 2018 with a new lineup and opportunities to bring the community together through music. Hosted the second Friday of June, July and August at the one-acre park adjacent to Anythink Wright Farms in Thornton, Colo., the Backyard Concert Series is a chance for families and friends to gather for local music, food and beer in a fun, kid-friendly atmosphere. Doors open with food and drink available for purchase at 5:30 pm; bands perform from 6:30-8:30 pm. In addition to free Friday night entertainment, these events also serve as a fundraiser for the Anythink Foundation. Funds raised through food and beverage sales help Anythink to provide special programs and projects for the community. Supporters can also donate at the show and online. This year's lineup includes:

Roka Hueka – Friday, June 8 Leon and the Revival – Friday, July 13 Hazel Miller Band – Friday, Aug. 10

Concertgoers will have the option to purchase food onsite, provided by a variety of food trucks, including Basecamp Provisions, Blue Umami and Little India. Beer provided by Periodic Brewing and wine from Balistreri Vineyards will also be for sale, with proceeds benefitting the Anythink Foundation.

The Backyard Concert Series is presented by <u>Xcel Energy</u> and made possible by generous support from community sponsors <u>Ciancio</u>, <u>Ciancio</u>, <u>Brown P.C.</u>, <u>Mountain States</u> <u>Toyota</u>, <u>Stifel</u>, <u>Periodic Brewing</u>, <u>Colorado Swim School</u>, <u>Griffith Home Team RE/MAX Professionals</u>, <u>Butler Snow LLP</u>, <u>PFM Asset Management</u>, <u>TBK Bank</u> and <u>Balistreri Vineyards</u>.

About the bands

Roka Hueka: Combining traditional and contemporary Latin ska, Roka Hueka is a band with members originating from Mexico, El Salvador and the U.S. Singer Andres

Gonzales brought his love for energetic ska from Chihuaha, Mexico, to Colorado. With a strong brass section and energetic vocals, Roka Hueka will have you up and dancing to their Latin ska beats.

Leon and the Revival: Leon and the Revival emerged in 2015 when members of established Denver bands Reverend Leon's Revival and The Royal began to collaborate on a new project that showcased the members' shared love of classic soul and R&B music from the 1960s and '70s. Influenced by Otis Redding, Van Morrison, Daronda, Solomon Burke, Ann Peebles and James Brown, Leon and the Revival fuse multiple music styles into a high-energy live musical experience.

Hazel Miller Band: Colorado music legend and crowd favorite Hazel Miller will be back, returning for a second time to the Backyard Concert Series. 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

Presented by Xcel Energy | 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 8 – Roka Hueka July 13 – Leon and the Revival Aug. 10 – Hazel Miller Band

> > Anythink Wright Farms 5877 E. 120th 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.

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