

Open Late Summer Concerts Return for Fourth Year

May 25, June 29, July 27, and August 31, 2018

MIDDLEBURG, Virginia – April 4, 2018 – The National Sporting Library & Museum (NSLM) is pleased to announce the return of Open Late, a free summer concert series that takes place the last Friday of the month May to August from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The event series, now in its fourth year, features regional performers, local wine from Greenhill Winery & Vineyards, beer from Powers Farm & Brewery, and delicious concessions, including ice cream from Red Fox Creamery. Attendees are encouraged to stroll through the fine art Museum during the concerts where they can view a selection of pieces from the NSLM’s permanent collection of over 1,200 art objects, as well as changing exhibitions on view.

“Open Late is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate summer with the community. We are thrilled to open our doors for a fourth season of stellar concerts, wine, beer, and engagement,” explains Melanie Mathewes, Executive Director of the National Sporting Library & Museum.

The Open Late series was created in 2015 as a community event to provide area residents a unique opportunity to explore the art exhibitions and collections on view in the Museum. “Having the Museum open in the evening is a great way to give people who can’t make it during our regular hours a chance to come and visit,” says Mathewes. Improvements from 2017 will continue for 2018, including professional sound for all concerts which enhances the concert experience for attendees.

Open Late is a free, public event sponsored in part by the 92.5 WINC FM, the Town of Middleburg, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Picnics are welcome and a cash bar will be available - no outside alcohol is permitted on the premises. All pets must be leashed. No rain dates are scheduled.

Calendar of Events

Friday, May 25

Partners: Highland School, Middleburg Humane Foundation

Musicians: The Butchers Family Band

June 29

Partners: Hill School, Blue Ridge Wildlife Center

Musicians: Silver Tones Swing Band

July 27

Partners: Mosby Heritage Area Association, Loudoun County Equine Alliance, Virginia Tech Alumni Association

Musicians: Bryan Shepherd Country Band

August 31

Partners: Middleburg Community Charter School, Foxcroft School, George Mason Alumni Association, Sky Meadows State Park

Musicians: Piedmont Symphony Orchestra

[The National Sporting Library & Museum](#) (NSLM) is located in Middleburg, VA, the heart of Virginia’s beautiful horse country. Founded in 1954, the renowned research Library and fine art Museum highlight the rich heritage and tradition of country pursuits. Angling, horsemanship, shooting, steeplechase, foxhunting, flat racing, polo,

coaching, and wildlife are among the subjects one can explore in the organization's general stacks, rare book holdings, archives, and art collection. The NSLM offers a wide variety of educational programs, exhibitions, and family activities throughout the year, and is open to researchers and the general public. While there is no admission fee to the Library, the Museum charges \$10 for adults, \$8 for youths (age 13-18), and \$8 for seniors. NSLM members and children age 12 and under are free. Museum admission is always free on Wednesdays. Library & Museum hours are Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

