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DUNKIRK'S FIRED UP FOR SUMMER PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Fired Up For Summer Kickoff Returns In Dunkirk

Singer-songwriter Max Muscato and headliner In Crowd will perform for Dunkirk's no-cost Music on the Pier Summer Concert Series on the Dunkirk Pier stage on Thursday, June 8 to welcome their Fired Up For Summer Kickoff.

Sponsored by ImmunityBio, the Rhythm and Blues Night opening act of Muscato will start at 5:25 p.m. with In Crowd performing at 6:45 p.m. The concerts are presented by DFT Communications, Chautauqua Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and National Grid.

Muscato is an American singer-songwriter, guitarist, producer and philanthropist. As a rock artist he brings electrifying performances to every show. Over the last several years, Max has gained an extensive following and has toured and opened for Citizen Cope, Theory of a Deadman, Aaron Carter, Finger Eleven, Eric Gales, Ripe and more.

In addition to his music career, Max is also the founder of Rock Autism Music Festival and the creator/writer of the feature film *Sonnyboy*. The show is the truest depiction of their family dynamic while revealing the grind it takes to make it in the music industry. Max's powerful songs written about his brother's struggle with Autism and addiction is a deep-rooted catalyst that drives his passion and career.

Be prepared to be enthralled by In Crowd's irresistible fusion of Latin soul, funk, rhythm and blues, psychedelic rock, and world music. Led by the married duo Angelo Valentino and Ylsa Maj, In Crowd casts a mesmerizing spell with their pure heartbeat rhythm section, dynamic horns, and captivating vocal stylings.

Brought together by a serendipitous twist of fate, the couple embarked on a musical journey that led them from performing to producing and promoting shows. But destiny had grander plans for them. Fueled by an insatiable desire to connect directly with their beloved audiences, they summoned their musical prowess and reunited with the prodigious Steve Davis (Keys, Bass, & Vocals) – a virtuoso known for his spellbinding performances with acclaimed acts like Big Leg Emma, Miller and The Other Sinners, and more.

The addition of the exceptional Jeremy Bunce (lead guitar), with his wealth of experience and unparalleled talent, elevated In Crowd to new heights. The legendary Jim Sturdivant on drums, unstoppable Augie Bates on Sax and the talented Kyle Gustafson on Trumpet, rhythm Guitar and accordion completed this extraordinary ensemble.

Enter the realm of In Crowd and be transported by their latest single, "Bailara." Recorded live and self-produced, this infectious composition delves deep into the band's Latin influences, of Latin ballroom dance and the intoxicating allure of music. Sung in Spanish, this vibrant anthem showcases the band's ability to enrapture audiences with their lyrical prowess and magnetic melodies.

On Thursday pier concert dates, the pier will be closed to traffic at 2 p.m. Guests are reminded to bring a chair. Food trucks and other vendors will be on site along with the beverage tent provided by Arthur R Gren Company and Southern Tier Brewing Company. The Dunkirk Boardwalk Marketplace will also be open.

The City of Dunkirk and Dunkirk Professional Firefighters Local 616 will host the 2023 Dunkirk Firefighter Hose Race on Friday, June 9 starting at 6 p.m. by the boardwalk. DJ Joe Gould will provide the tunes with the awards ceremony and The New Direction Band playing polka music on the pier stage at 7:45 p.m. The event is open to the public with food/drink and gift specials from the boardwalk merchants. Children are encouraged to wear their bathing suits and bring towels for a fun hydrant sprinkler.

The fire department will also have its new rescue boat on display. The Marine 1, built by SAFE Boats international, is 25 feet with twin Mercury outboard motors. It is equipped with the latest search and rescue technology and has a 550 GPM pump with a Stang nozzle.

Interested Chautauqua County fire departments that would like to participate in the hose races should contact Michael Edwards, Dunkirk Fire Chief, at (716) 366-2630 or medwards@cityofdunkirk.com.

For more information about Dunkirk's summer schedule of events or local attractions, please visit www.cityofdunkirk.com or Facebook at Dunkirk Festivals & Special Events or call Ryan Hall at (716) 366-9886.

Photos (3 of them attached in email also):



In Crowd of Jamestown will be the headlining band for Dunkirk's first act at the Music on the Pier Summer Concert Series on the Dunkirk Pier on June 8. Singer and songwriter Max Muscato will be the opening musician.



Singer-song writer Max Muscato will open Dunkirk's Fired Up For Summer Kickoff as the first act at the Music on the Pier Summer Concert Series on the Dunkirk Pier on June 8. In Crowd will be the stage headliner.



The City of Dunkirk and the Dunkirk Professional Firefighters Local 616 will host the Dunkirk Fire Department Firefighter Hose Race on June 9 at 6 p.m. at the Dunkirk Boardwalk Marketplace. The public is invited to attend the popular summer event.

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