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Big Band Boogie returns to OPEN AIR RED HOT SWING and STRING OF PEARLS Swing it Out July 19

VICTORIA, BC, July 17--Big Band Boogie launches into its fourth season at Open Air with a free dance lesson by Red Hot Swing and a performance by String of Pearls.

Red Hot Swing's experienced, professional dance instructors will offer a fun, relaxed lesson in swing dance at 7pm. Suitable for beginners, intermediate and advanced dancers, the instructors aim to do more than teach participants some new moves; they hope to help them find their own style of dancing and leave the dance floor smiling.

According to Red Hot Swing, swing dance is ideal if you want to "learn to dance with anyone and adapt to new partners with ease. Having fun on the dance floor is the name of the game."

At 8:00pm, one of the region's finest dance bands—String of Pearls—takes the stage, giving all participants a chance to practice their new moves and relive the golden days of the 20s, 30s and 40s with the "sirens of song".

Big Band Boogie is sponsored by continues from July 19 through August 30 (no Big Band Boogie July 26) from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Admission to Big Band Boogie is free.

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The complete Big Band Boogie schedule follows.

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Big Band Boogie Schedule

July 19

7:00pm - 7:45pm: Swing it Out! Swing dance instruction from Red Hot Swing, qualified, high-energy swing dance instructors and performers. www.redhotswing.com

8:00pm - 9:30pm: String of Pearls performs at Open Air. Dance to classic swing and dance tunes from the 20s, 30s and 40s by Victoria's "sirens of song". www.stringofpearls.ca

July 26

There is no Big Band Boogie on July 26.

August 2

7:00pm - 7:45pm: Cuban Salsa to Go! A lesson in Cuban salsa from Bernard Henin and Salsa Moderna. www.latinvictoria.ca

8:00pm - 9:30pm: Kumbia: Caribbean and Central American dance rhythms and folk songs. <http://kumbia.ca>

August 9

7:00pm - 7:45pm: Ballroom Moves: Learn to jive and cha cha.

8:00pm - 9:30pm: Tom Vickery Quartet: Popular jazz standards performed by a leading figure on the West Coast jazz scene.

August 16

7:00pm - 7:45pm: Swing to the Groove: Red Hot Swing is back to get you swinging to the music in no time. www.redhotswing.com

8:00pm - 9:30pm: Chris Millington Quartet: A program of originals and jazz standards, with rocking blues, sambas and straight-ahead material.

August 23

7:00pm - 7:45pm: Cuban Salsa to Get you Going: with Christina and Javier from Café Casablanca.

8:00 - 9:30pm: Kumbia: Caribbean and Central American dance rhythms and folk songs. <http://kumbia.ca>

August 30

7:00pm - 7:45pm: Ballroom Moves: Learn to jive and cha cha.

8:00 - 9:30pm: Tom Ackerman Quartet plays popular jazz standards at the 2006 Big Band Boogie finale.