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KICK OFF INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS A WEEK EARLY WITH FIREWORKS BY GRUCCI

Astoria Park Event to feature Queens Symphony Orchestra and World-Class FireworksFinale

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Who: Central Astoria Local Development Coalition

What: Independence Celebration & Kick-off Summer Concert Series

When: Thursday June 30, 2016 – Concert at 7:30 PM and fireworks show at 9:15 PM

Where: Astoria Park, Queens

Why limit your Independence Day festivities to just July 4th when you can celebrate all week long? The Central Astoria Local Development Coalition is delighted to kick off another installation of its annual Independence Celebration and Summer Concert Series on Thursday, June 30. Featuring the acclaimed Queens Symphony Orchestra, the event will cap off with a dazzling fireworks extravaganza by Guinness World Record-holding Fireworks by Grucci.

“We are excited to collaborate with the Central Astoria Local Development once again on this fantastic event,” says CEO and Creative Director Phil Grucci. “We seek to capture the beauty, movement, and emotion of a symphony using color, light and sound. Just as a musical masterpiece can transport you to another place, we hope that our art form will inspire the imagination and delight the eyes for an incredible sensory experience.”

Grucci’s fireworks will burst and sparkle against the night sky with a delightful variety of effects, including patriotic aerials, stars, and chrysanthemums..The renowned fireworks program will be electronically fired from a computer generated script, offering unparalleled precision in choreographybetween music and fireworks.

The official Grucci Performance App will be available to all free of charge. Simply download the “Fireworks by Grucci” app and select “Central Astoria LDC Independence Event” to listen to the synchronized music score in real time.

The Central Astoria Local Development Coalition would like to thank the following sponsors and partners for making this event possible year after year: Council Members Costa Constantinides, Jimmy Van Bramer, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, NRG, Kaufman Astoria Studios, Thomas M. Quinn & Sons Funeral Home, Astoria Bank, Dunkin Donuts, Atlantic Bank, Mount Sinai Queens and GMPI.

Fun Facts

Fireworks Show Design: Phil Grucci	Show Producer: Scott Cooper
Number of days to install: 1	Chief Pyrotechnician: Charles DeSalvo
Number of Pyrotechnicians:8	Number of hours to Choreograph:24 hours
Featured Fireworks: Grucci Special Effects & High Aerials	Number of man hours to set up: 96

Music

"The musical score with feature family friendly music from yesterday and today to celebrate our collective patriotism. You'll hear some of your favorite artists including Neil Diamond, Tom Petty, Beyoncé, Paul McCartney, Queen Latifah and many more."

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About Fireworks by Grucci: Holders of the Guinness World Record for the "Largest Fireworks Display" ever recorded, Fireworks by Grucci is a sixth-generation, family-owned and operated company. Known as "America's First Family of Fireworks," the Gruccis have transformed the night skies to the delight of millions across the globe since 1850. They are world-renowned for pyrotechnic artistry, scientific innovation and old-fashioned values. Their signature performances include the recent official celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the National Anthem "Star Spangled Spectacular," in Baltimore, countless performances in and around Las Vegas, NV., seven consecutive U.S. Presidential Inaugurations; the Olympic Games in Beijing, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and Lake Placid; commemorations such as the Centennial of the Statue of Liberty and star-studded extravaganzas including the grand opening of the Atlantis Dubai and the Palm Jumeirah Island in the United Arab Emirates. On New Year's Eve 2013, a stunning performance displaying 479,651 fireworks made its debut above Dubai's iconic skyline. The Gruccis achieved their "Largest Fireworks Display" title with this performance and smashed the Guinness Book of World Record's preceding mark. Phil Grucci currently serves as President, CEO and Creative Director of Fireworks by Grucci, Inc. and Pyrotechnique by Grucci, Inc., the manufacturing entity of the Grucci group of companies.

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