



**TOO BLUE TO OPEN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES  
FRIDAY AT ARTS ON THE LAKE  
TOM CHAPIN, BACK TO THE GARDEN AND  
SWAMP GUMBO TO FOLLOW**

Arts on the Lake's Summer Concert Series will open with the bluegrass band *Too Blue* on Friday, July 5, at 7 pm.

The first Friday night concert will be followed consecutively by *Tom Chapin and Friends* on July 12, *Back to the Garden 1969* on July 19 and *Swamp Gumbo* on July 26.

The concerts are planned for the north lawn at the Arts Center, 640 Route 52, Lake Carmel, but will move indoors in the event of rain.

Having won praise up and down the Hudson with a sound that is jazz and swing as well as bluegrass, *Too Blue* is musicians Betsy Rome (guitar and vocals), Michael Sassano (mandolin), Joan Harrison (banjo and vocals) and Jamie Doris (bass).

In this fifth year of summer concerts organized by singer/songwriter Kati Mac, *Too Blue* was asked to open this year's expanded series on the advice of bluegrass players in the area.

"It is the support of audiences and local businesses that makes these concerts possible," said Arts on the Lake's Executive Director James Shearwood.

Offering major support for the series, the Putnam Hospital Center has joined Friends of the Kent Library, Radovich & Dean Music, Kent Wines and Liquors, Macaroni Kid and other donors.

Admission to this concert is pay-what-you-wish at the entrance.

Supporters who become Friends of the Summer Concert Series for a \$35 donation are assured of an indoor seat in the case of rain for all concerts and mention in the program.

These concerts are also made possible, in part, by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Cuomo and the NY State Legislature and with public funds from Putnam County. These grant programs are managed and monitored by the Putnam Arts Council.

Local vendors will be on site at 6:30 to offer picnic-type food and beverages to enjoy before or during the concert.

Arts on the Lake asks spectators to bring their own folding chair or blanket for the lawn.

More information on events at Arts on the Lake is available at [www.artsonthelake.org](http://www.artsonthelake.org) or (845) 228-2685.

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