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27th Annual Burlington Carousel Festival Kicks Off On Saturday, September 20th



BURLINGTON, NC— It's time to “enjoy the ride” at the 27th annual Burlington Carousel Festival at City Park.

The Dentzel Menagerie Carousel is one of the most historic treasures in Burlington. It was built circa 1910 by the Dentzel Family in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There are only 12 in the world that currently operate in a public facility.

Each year the city celebrates this historic carousel during the third weekend in September. This year, the Carousel Festival takes place on September 20th (10am -6pm) and 21st (1pm-6pm). This event is truly a one-of-a-kind Burlington tradition.

There is fun for the young and the young at heart. Enjoy shopping with regional artisans, tasting new creations from food trucks, watching your kiddo's laugh while making a silly hat and marching in a parade. Not to mention the amusement park rides will all be free.

The entertainment line-up is diverse this year. In addition to a traditional band experience some of our acts include a steel drum band (Mickey Mills and Steel), a Michael Jackson Impersonator (Matthew "MJ" Milam) and an interactive Kids performance (Big Bang Boom).

The grand finale performance will be on Sunday at 4:30pm with the headliner for this year, National Recording Artist Phil Vassar. A native of Lynchburg, Va., Vassar has hit the Top 5 seven times with songs like "Carlene," "Last Day of My Life" and "American Child." He also has penned No. 1 songs for Tim McGraw "My Next Thirty Years," Alan Jackson "She's Right On The Money," Jo Dee Messina ("Bye, Bye" and "I'm Alright") and David Nail ("The Sound of a Million Dreams"), which Billboard named the No. 1 song in its Top 10 Country Songs of 2012. His latest single is "Love Is Alive." philvassar.com.

Join us for an unforgettable weekend. Get the details on the web at www.burlingtonNC.gov/festival and join the conversation on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter with #Carouselfest.

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