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Welcome back the sounds of the '50s and '60s

Bay Chamber Concerts presents the Doo-Wop & Oldies Spectacular

Bay Chamber Concerts will present "Doo-Wop & Oldies Spectacular," a night of nostalgia and fun featuring classics of the '50s and '60s, on Saturday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Camden Opera House. Welcome back the days of saddle shoes and poodle skirts with the doo-wop supergroup The New Brooklyn Reunion.

The Doo-Wop & Oldies Spectacular will feature Emil Stuchio and the Classics, Joe Favale and The Emotions plus John Kuse and The Excellents. Each of the groups will perform a set of their hits before coming together as The New Brooklyn Reunion for a doo-wop jam session. The concert is sponsored by Chatfield Design.

Bay Chamber Concerts invites audiences to have fun and come dressed the part: Girls, pull on your bobby socks, poodle skirts and cat eye glasses! Guys, grease back your hair, peg your jeans and put on your letterman's cardigan. Think T-Bird, 45 RPM records, hula-hoops and soda fountains. Don't be a square, get creative, and make the scene! Prizes for the best costumes will be awarded.

The Classics received their first recording contract in 1959, when their first release, "Cinderella," hit the national top 100. They went on to record their first million selling recording, "Till Then," in 1963. That was followed by many more hits including "P.S. I Love You," "Stardust" and "You'll Never Know."

The foundation of The Classics is the outstanding voice of original lead singer Emil Stuchio. Completing the circle of style are the voices of Al Contrera and Teresa McClean. With over 40 years of entertainment experience, their show features standards of the '50s to today's sounds, complete with outrageous comedy routines. They'll perform their biggest hits, along with such show stoppers as "Cara Mia," "Stardust," "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me" and "America."

The Excellents began singing on the street corners of New York City in the early '60s. Their high

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harmonies and the melodic tenor lead of John Kuse soon landed them auditions with several record labels. Blast Records was impressed and handed them a song about a young man smitten with a beautiful girl he met at Coney Island, Brooklyn. "Coney Island Baby" was recorded and released in 1962, an immediate smash hit, especially in the New York area, where it is known as the Brooklyn anthem.

The Excellents continue to wow audiences wherever they perform. Their song selections, strong vocals and stage presence are second to none. During the performance of their signature song, the group takes the audience on a nostalgic journey to a simpler time in a special place in south Brooklyn. The group is comprised of original lead singer John Kuse, second tenor Mal Bruntvedt, baritone John Accardo and first tenor Joe Noto.

The Emotions were formed in 1958 by five young men from the Sheepshead Bay section of Brooklyn. The group of teenagers would get together five nights a week to rehearse in the back of "The Pink And Blue" beauty parlor on Nostrand Avenue. Their big break came in 1962, when their first release, "Echo," won "Murray The K's pick hit of the week" contest and went on to become their first hit, appearing in the top 10 on the Billboard chart.

In 1963, The Emotions signed with 20th Century Fox and released "Story Untold." Within two weeks, the record broke into the top 20. Their experience proved so successful that the group became active on the oldies circuit, delighting doo-wop audiences for decades. The Emotions are led by Joe Favale, with Joe Cavana, George Winter, Victor Guzman and Carmine Laitetta.

Most tickets to the concert are \$20. Prime seating is \$40. Youth ages 18 and under are \$8 (limited availability). Bay Chamber Concerts is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization. The \$20 Ticket Underwriter is Brewster Point. The media sponsor is VillageSoup.com. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Bay Chamber Concerts at (207) 236-2823, toll free at (888) 707-2770 or online at www.baychamberconcerts.org.

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Date: Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Camden Opera House, 29 Elm Street, Camden, ME 04843

Title: Doo Wop & Oldies Spectacular

Sponsors: \$20 Ticket Underwriter: Brewster Point. Sponsor: Chatfield Design.

Performers: The New Brooklyn Reunion, made up of The Emotions, The Classics and The Excellents.

Description: Welcome back the days of saddle shoes and poodle skirts with a doo-wop supergroup. The look, the sound, the feel will bring you back to the 50s & 60s when music was fun!

Price: Most tickets \$20. Prime seating \$40, discounted up to 50% with subscription. \$8 for Youth ages 18 and under, limited availability.

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