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## **Symetra Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup> ready to thrill with Eastside's largest fireworks show set to live Bellevue Philharmonic performance**

### **Celebration kicks-off with live music, games, fun zone, C-17 flyover**

BELLEVUE, Wash. – The Symetra Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup>, the Eastside's largest Independence Day celebration, will draw more than 60,000 visitors to Bellevue Downtown Park for live music, family entertainment, a C-17 flyover and a spectacular fireworks display set to the Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Adam Stern.

Celebrating its 18<sup>th</sup> year, the 2009 Symetra Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup> will present the Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra at 9:20 p.m. in a patriotic performance leading up to the signature fireworks show and live concert at 10:05 p.m. The afternoon line-up includes live music on the Overlake Hospital Main Stage and a full range of children's activities in the Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone. The celebration will also feature a flyover by a C-17 Globemaster III from McChord Air Force Base. Festival food and refreshment options will be available for purchase in the southwest parking lot near the playground.

#### **Overlake Hospital Main Stage**

Overlake Hospital Main Stage music performances begin at 4 p.m. Highlights include country singer/songwriter and Northwest native Jonathan Harris and the familiar sounds of dance and pop hits tribute band Lenny Epps Revue. The Bellevue Fire and Police Department Honor Guard will conduct the presentation and placement of colors and will be followed by the National Anthem performed by student vocalists from Bellevue's Newport High School.

#### **Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone**

The Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone will open at 2 p.m. and entertain kids ages three and up with an array of games and activities, including carnival bouncers, slides, obstacle courses, a mountain climbing wall, jugglers, stilt walkers, mascot characters, balloon artists and face painting.

This year, the Eastside Heritage Center will also host old-fashioned picnic games and contests available free of charge to kids of all ages. Games get underway at 3 p.m. near the Symetra Community Spotlight Pavilion and will include a sack race, 3-legged race, ping-pong ball spoon race, bean bag toss, milk jug toss, tick-tack-toe and a hula-hoop competition.

#### **Symetra Community Spotlight Pavilion**

The Symetra Community Spotlight Pavilion will connect guests to local organizations and volunteer opportunities. Representatives from PATH, Eastside Heritage Center, Pacific Science Center, YMCA, American Cancer Society, Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue, Senior Services, and the Girl Scouts of Western Washington will showcase programs and provide more information on ways to get involved. The Seattle Seahawks and Seattle Sounders FC, both Symetra community partners, will provide a limited number of promotional giveaways.

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**2009 Symetra Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup> Schedule of Events**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Where</b>
2:00 p.m.	Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone opens	Bellevue Downtown Park
3:00 p.m.	Symetra Community Spotlight Pavilion and Eastside Heritage Center games open	Bellevue Downtown Park
4:30 p.m. approx.	C-17 Flyover from McChord Air Force Base	Bellevue Downtown Park airspace
5:30 p.m.	Jonathan Harris	Country singer/songwriter on the Overlake Hospital Main Stage
6:00 p.m.	Meet on-air radio personalities & win prizes	106.1 KISS FM & 94.1 KMPS FM tents
7:30 p.m.	Lenny Epps Revue	Rock, dance & pop hits from the 60s to today on the Overlake Hospital Main Stage
8:40 p.m.	Honor Guard presentation & placement of the colors	Bellevue Fire & Police Departments on the Overlake Hospital Main Stage
8:50 p.m.	The National Anthem	Overlake Hospital Main Stage
9:20 p.m.	Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra	Special Independence Day performance on the Overlake Hospital Main Stage
10:05 p.m.	Fireworks display set to live performance by Bellevue Philharmonic; Countdown by Q13 Fox News anchor Lily Jang	Bellevue Downtown Park

Complimentary event parking is offered after 6 p.m. at Bellevue Square. Visitors may also gain quicker post-event access to I-405 by parking in a pay lot east of Downtown Park. The 20-acre Bellevue Downtown Park is located immediately south of Bellevue Square at 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The City of Bellevue and the non-profit Bellevue Downtown Association co-produce the Symetra Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup>.

The success of the Symetra Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup> relies upon the sponsor support and volunteers from: Symetra Financial, Overlake Hospital Medical Center, Q13 FOX, The Seattle Times, 106.1 KISS FM, 94.1 KMPS FM, Illium Associates, and The Bellevue Collection. Complete event information is available online at [www.bellevuedowntown.com](http://www.bellevuedowntown.com) or by calling 425-453-1223.

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**About the Bellevue Downtown Association**

Established in 1974, the Bellevue Downtown Association is a non-profit, membership organization charged with leading the continuing evolution of Downtown Bellevue as the economic and cultural heart of the Eastside. The BDA advocates for a shared vision of Downtown Bellevue, cultivates economic vitality, fosters a dynamic civic and cultural community and creates an open forum for Downtown constituents.

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<sup>1</sup>Total GAAP assets and combined liabilities and stockholders' equity at March 31, 2009.