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**Broadway Center and City of Lakewood
In final running for \$25,000 grant to fund free concert series
At Fort Steilacoom Park in summer 2018
*Supporters are encouraged to vote for the proposal online***

TACOMA, WASH. – Broadway Center for the Performing Arts, in partnership with the City of Lakewood, is now in the running to bring a 10–12 -week live music series to Fort Steilacoom Park during the summer of 2018.

Sponsored by the [Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation](#), a national foundation dedicated to strengthening the social fabric of America through free live music, Broadway Center hopes to qualify as one of 15 winning organizations competing in the Levitt AMP [Your City] Grant Awards.

The Levitt AMP [Your City] Grant Awards are an exciting matching grant opportunity created by the Levitt Foundation to serve small to mid-sized towns and cities with populations up to 400,000. Up to 15 nonprofits will receive \$25,000 each in matching funds to produce their own Levitt AMP Music Series—an outdoor, free concert series featuring a diverse lineup of professional musicians.

Broadway Center submitted the proposal for a concert series in Lakewood. The proposed venue site is Fort Steilacoom Park. The proposal is now posted on the Levitt AMP website for public voting. <http://levittamp.org>

If selected, the concert series in Lakewood would be the first Levitt-funded concert series in the Northwest.

A successful campaign for Broadway Center and the City of Lakewood depends on community participation to get as many online votes as possible to bring the concert series to town. Community support, as measured by the number of online votes received, will be one of the key factors when the Levitt Foundation selects up to 15 winners.

Supporters are asked to visit <https://grant.levittamp.org/voter-registration-page/> to register and vote. **Online public voting opens Nov. 1 and ends Nov. 20 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.** The Top 25 finalists will be selected through online public voting. The Levitt Foundation will then review the proposals of these 25 finalists and will select up to 15 Levitt AMP winners, which will be announced on January 2, 2018.

“We are thrilled to be selected as a finalist for the Levitt Amp grant,” stated Broadway Center executive director David Fischer, “as this fits perfectly with Broadway Center’s mission to ‘energize community through live performance.’ Fort Steilacoom Park is the perfect setting for what could be the first Levitt concert series in the Northwest.”

Broadway Center and the City of Lakewood asks supporters to start spreading the word to family, friends, colleagues and neighbors and rally the community to sign up and vote for their proposal.

Learn more at <http://levittamp.org>.

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The center of Tacoma's Historic Theater District, the Broadway Center's mission is to energize the community through live performance. Founded in 1979, the Broadway Center is a non-profit organization recognized for leadership in presenting world-class performing artists, providing one of the largest arts education programs in Washington State, and preserving Tacoma's historic theaters. Learn more at BroadwayCenter.org.

[Lakewood](#) is the second-largest city in Pierce County and the 18th largest in Washington with about 60,000 residents and more than 3,200 businesses. The city enhances the quality of life of its residents by providing essential services in a fiscally responsible manner, ensuring public safety, promoting economic development and preserving our natural environment.

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