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**SUMMER AND MUSIC DOCUMENTARY SCREENING TO SHOWCASE
HISTORY, INTRODUCE 2016 SCHEDULE**

*DLBA's homegrown Summer music concert series unveils documentary
to showcase history while announcing 2016 event schedule.*

LONG BEACH, Calif. (April 25, 2016) – Launching its eighth season, the Downtown Long Beach Associates (DLBA)'s Summer and Music (SAM) has built what is arguably the most respected, the most attended, and genuinely the most loved music event in Long Beach—so founders and organizers felt it necessary to document its history as it moves forward.

Proposed and sponsored by the DLBA, [the now-complete short-documentary](#) will screen for free at the Art Theatre on Retro Row on Thursday, May 19 at 6PM, complete with a mini festivals worth of live music courtesy of Tigers in the Sky, Kontrapunktus, and a very special performance by Greater California backed by the Greater California Choir. Serving as DJ will be none other than Dennis Owens, spinning an entire set dedicated to the sound of Long Beach's treasured funk night *The Good Foot*.

The idea for the twenty-minute film became fully realized when Long Beach filmmaker and musician Graham Lovelis was asked to helm the project over the course of the summer of 2015, capturing not just the vibe of last year's festivities, but also the history, dedication and love of music that has made SAM what it is.

“Music and Long Beach have this impossible-to-undo relationship,” said Justin Hectus, co-founder of SAM, “and although a lot of cities may make similar claims, there is a symbiotic nature in the relationship between this city and its musicians that is unmatched. It was our hope to capture a taste of that on film and we're proud to say that we believe we achieved that.”

SAM's history of unparalleled performer includes the Cold War Kids, Nick Waterhouse, Rival Sons, Matt Costa, De Lux, Delta Spirit, Everest, Allah Las, Fartbarf, Beachwood Sparks, Chicano Batman, Sam Outlaw, Avi Buffalo, the Tijuana Panthers, and more—and despite where these performers have gone to or come from, there is one thing that SAM is mightily clear about: it's about Long Beach as a place that fosters and grows musical talent.

“Even before I was asked to take on this project, I had a connection with SAM as a musician,” Lovelis said. “My band The Fling has performed at SAM. I've toured with a lot of the bands that have been a part of SAM. So for me, in approaching the film, there was already a personal connection that I wanted to convey—which is perfect for SAM because like all things Long Beach, it's personal. It's specific. It's us.”

[Summer and Music: The Documentary](#) will screen on May 19 at the Art Theatre, located at 2025 E. 4th Street in Long Beach. Doors will open at 6PM. The event is free and open to the public but is limited in capacity; seats will be provided on a first-come-first serve basis.

For more information and a trailer, visit www.summerandmusic.com

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About the DLBA: The Downtown Long Beach Associates is a non-profit organization operating on behalf of the property owners and tenants of the Business Improvement District. It is dedicated to the management, marketing, security, maintenance, advocacy, and economic and community development of the assessment districts in cooperation with the City of Long Beach and the private sector. For additional information, please see www.downtownlongbeach.org.

About SAM: After seven critically acclaimed seasons, the Downtown Long Beach Associates (DLBA) is bringing Summer and Music (SAM)—the city’s homegrown, sustainable concert series providing an entire summer of free music to the public—back to the streets of Downtown Long Beach. Three time winner of “Best Music Festival” by OC Weekly, SAM utilizes the skills and creativity of numerous downtown businesses and artists to produce free, all-ages, unique concert events showcasing outstanding local acts at multiple outdoor venues throughout the Downtown region.