

# July 4th Concert Showcases

## Brevard Poet's Song

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Brevard poet and songwriter JoAnna O'Keefe should have a bang-up day on the Fourth of July, considering that the Brevard Symphony Orchestra has chosen to play her original composition, "America at the Crossroads" during the symphony's super popular "Symphony Under the Stars" annual concert at 8 pm on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Riverfront Park, located in Cocoa Village.

"Let us come together, one mind, one heart, a nation united in a world torn apart," encourages the lyrics of O'Keefe's song.

Cocoa vocalist Chris Finlayson, who sings the song on the CD recording that O'Keefe produced, will perform it during the concert.

Former maestro, Joe Kreines and Tony Smith of the Magic Lamp Studio have orchestrated the arrangement.

O'Keefe is a popular speaker in Florida, who has received enthusiastic support from clubs, local and national organizations for her beautiful words put to music. The song was recently featured in the "Celebrate America Now" event in Vero Beach.

"Congressman (Bill) Posey put it on his Facebook page," she said.

A Brevard tradition, the symphony's free concert as a gift to the community, features an evening of patriotic and pops classics, together with a panoramic view of the fireworks.

Make a day of it from 11:30 to 2:30 pm when Cocoa Main Street hosts its Shrimp Boil and Pie Show on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as well, also at Riverfront Park. A donation of \$10 is requested for the shrimp.

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