

# Prescott Park Arts Festival **Sound Level Monitoring Report**

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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## Introduction

Reuter Associates, LLC is under contract with the City of Portsmouth, NH to provide monitoring of sound levels during events at the city-owned facility. The Prescott Park Arts Festival, a non-profit arts and education organization, presents musical theater, concerts, and other events throughout the summer season.

Background information related to the Sound Management Plan for Prescott Park and the monitoring protocol, including the initial monitoring report (covering the period of June 15<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018) can be found on the City's website at (http://cityofportsmouth.com/prescottpark/pppac.html).

## **Event Data**

The attached Appendix A provides plots of sound levels versus time from 6 pm to midnight for each night between July 15, 2018 and July 28, 2018. Nights without events have been included for clarity and comparison.

Each plot presents data measured between 6 pm and 12 am. The lines plotted are both A-weighted sound pressure level in 1-minute intervals, as plotting six hours of data in 1-second intervals makes the plot difficult to interpret. The 1-second data are available for further analysis.

1-minute Leq – The Leq over the minute ending at the data point

Maximum 1-second Leq – The maximum 1-second Leq measured during this minute

Also included are lines indicating the yellow and red light thresholds.

A detailed discussion of decibels, Leq, and other terminology is available in the initial report (covering the period between June 15<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018).

### **Event Notes**

Sound levels were consistently below 90 dBA for all events during this time period. During the Gillian Welch concert on July 21, levels exceeding the limit twice at the end of the show, but this appears to be crowd noise.

# **Appendix A**Sound Monitor Data



























