

Woodstock-style mini rock fest announced

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Just as this weekend's Freedom Weekend Aloft festival prepares for flight, organizers at the Heritage Park Amphitheater announced a new music festival that seeks to revive the spirit of the Woodstock music festival of 1969.

Two nights and 24 bands on one stage one after another in a mini-Woodstock with camping, food and more is the vision behind Rockstock '09, the idea of a Charleston-based label called Spectra Records.

"Obviously, unlike Woodstock, we're not going to have a million people out there, because the venue doesn't hold that, but I would like to have a possibly yearly huge event where we perform over multiple days," said Bobby Collins, Rockstock spokes-

man.

The festival will feature bands from the '70s through the present. Collins visited the Heritage Park Amphitheater and liked its size and proximity to Greenville.

Collins said the state lacks a music festival to match the size or popularity of Bonnaroo, an annual music festival held in Tennessee, and he hopes to fill a void with Rockstock.

Rockstock will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Woodstock this year with a lineup featuring the Romantics, Paul Young, Cutting Crew, Naked Eyes, Tommy Tutone, T-Rex, Magni, Taj Weekes and Andowia, Slade and Paula Cole. Other artists will be added to fill the 24 spots, Collins said.

Music starts at noon Sept. 12 and Sept. 13 and runs until 11 p.m.