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For Immediate Release:

“Summer’s Best” Free Park Concert Schedule Announced

Milwaukee, WI (May 12, 2014) — Today, Milwaukee County’s Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture announced the lineup for the “Summer’s Best” Concert Series. A variety of genres will be presented at 17 park venues throughout the County. From June 3–September 4, the public can listen to 89 live concerts, at no charge.

“We are offering an amazing opportunity to families and friends in the community – FREE concerts! And they’re at venues with views that can’t be beat!” said Parks Director John Dargle, Jr.

Residents and visitors alike, arriving at the Boerner Botanical Gardens after 6 p.m. on concert nights, receive free admission to the Botanical Gardens.

Concert-goers are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic suppers. The Parks Department will sell food and beverage items, including adult beverages, at “Concerts in the Gardens” at Boerner Botanical Gardens and at “Chill on the Hill” at Humboldt Park.

“Jazz in the Park” at Cathedral Square is produced by a non-profit organization asking patrons to leave adult beverages at home. Wine, beer and cocktails are available for purchase at various Jazz in the Park beverage tents. All proceeds help offset the costs of “Jazz in the Park.”

For the full “Summer’s Best” concert schedule, visit countyparks.com and search “free concerts.” Links are provided for performance details. The schedule is also provided below.

For more information, call (414) 257-PARK (7275).

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2014 Milwaukee County Parks Summer's Best Free Park Concerts Schedule

* Schedule subject to change. Shows go on, weather permitting. No rain dates.
Visit countyparks.com for updated schedules.

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/ConcertsintheParks11320.htm>

Boerner Botanical Gardens

Whitnall Park, 9400 Boerner Drive, Hales Corners

Concerts in the Gardens Sponsored by Wimmer Communities

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM

Admission to the Gardens is free on concert nights after 6:00 pm

<http://www.wimmercommunities.com/about-us/concerts-in-the-gardens>

- June 12*** **Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra**
Experience one of the finest orchestras in the nation!
*Special hours: 7:30-8:30pm
- June 19** **The All-Star SUPERband**
Milwaukee's best big band, featuring high-level improvisation.
- June 26** **Sam Llanas** (Former member of BoDeans and Absinthe)
Singer, songwriter, and acoustic guitarist with a distinctive voice.
- July 3** **Semi-Twang**
Exciting and complex story-songs infused with blues, pop, and R&B.
- July 10** **Vivo**
Lively and contemporary jazz, pop bossa, and samba music ensemble.
- July 17** **Paul Cebal Tomorrow Sound**
Funky, Afro-Carib-inflected Americana with spontaneous soul!
- July 24** **The Jimmys**
An exhilarating mix of powerhouse blues, funk, and rock 'n' roll.
- July 31** **Naima Adedapo**
A pop vibe mixed with powerful, smoky, and soulful vocals.
- Aug. 7** **Concord Chamber Orchestra**
Intimate and stimulating classical pops performed by talented volunteer musicians.
- Aug. 14** **The 52nd Street Band**
A full concert show playing the music of Billy Joel.
- Aug. 21** **Swing Nouveau**
This sassy big band will swing your socks off with danceable, high-energy tunes.
- Aug. 28*** **Old Shoe**
Diverse roots rock band with influences, ranging from bluegrass to prog-rock to jazz.
*Special hours: 6:30-9:30pm

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Cathedral Square

520 E. Wells Street, Milwaukee

Jazz in the Park By East Town Association

THURSDAYS 5:00 -9:00 PM, Happy Hour at 5pm, Music starts at 6pm

<http://www.easttown.com/events/jazz-in-the-park>

- June 5 Nabori**
Traditional salsa music structured to electrify any dancer.
- June 12 Dumpstaphunk**
Vintage funk steeped in New Orleans tradition with a modern mix of blues and R&B.
- June 19 Hood Smoke**
A gritty blend of soul, pop and funk that grooves.
- June 26 Paul Spencer Band**
Explosive jazz that rocks!
- July 3 King Solomon**
An infectious blend of roots reggae and dancehall.
- July 10 Bastille Days Programming – July 10 - July 13**
- July 17 AhVantSoul**
A mix of classic soul, jazz-funk, R&B, and Latin music.
- July 24 Nick Waterhouse**
An undeniably raw and rhythmic take on American music.
- July 31 Calje**
Innovative Afro-Latin jazz ensemble.
- Aug. 7 Wicked Knee**
This RagTimeFunk band invites you to let go, throw down, get down, and have fun!
- Aug. 14 5 Card Studs**
Milwaukee's favorite Las Vegas style lounge act.
- Aug. 21 Terry Sims Band**
An undiluted mix of modern jazz-funk, fringed with R&B, Latin, and rock vibes.
- Aug. 28 Forq**
A cross genre blend of jazz rock.
- Sept. 4 Reverend Raven and the Chain Smokin' Altar Boys**
Traditional blues that groove with incredible guitar, harmonica, rhythm, and vocals!

Columbus Park

7301 W. Courtland Avenue, Milwaukee

Wednesday, July 23: 6:30-8:30 pm

Terry Sims Band

An undiluted mix of modern jazz-funk, fringed with R&B, Latin, and rock vibes.

Dineen Park

6901 W. Vienna Avenue, Milwaukee

Wednesday, Aug.20: 6:30-8:30 pm

Love, Peace and Soul

Smooth groove of old school jazz and R&B.

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Gordon Park

2828 N. Humboldt Boulevard, Milwaukee

Thursday, June 26: 6:30-8:30 pm

Eddie Butts Band

A delicious blend of jazz, pop, and R&B.

Humboldt Park

3000 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee

Chill on the Hill By Bay View Neighborhood Association

TUESDAYS 6:00-8:30 PM, **Opening Acts:** 6:00 pm, **Main Acts:** 6:30 pm

http://www.bayviewneighborhood.org/chill_on_the_hill

- June 3** **Dick Satan Trio**
Soul grooved instrumental playboy rock.
- Crazy Rocket Fuel**
Energetic, up tempo, retro rockabilly all-female band.
- June 10** **Extra Crispy Brass Band**
An authentic New Orleans style brass band.
- June 17** **Killer Joe**
Fun, alternate pop music mix.
- The Mike Benign Compulsion**
Power pop rock with a bit of the unexpected.
- June 24** **I'm Not A Pilot**
Rich indie rock with strong textures of piano, cello, and drums.
- July 1** **American Legion Band**
Milwaukee's favorite traditional concert band.
- July 8** **Fuzee**
Original power pop with a signature sound.
- Jacobi & the Pillownatchers**
A mix of jazz and pop with progressive musicality, and witty vocals.
- July 15** **The Aluar Pearls**
Soulful mix of Afrobeat, soukous, and highlife.
- Painted Pearls**
Psychedelic and romantic world rock.
- July 22** **De La Buena**
Milwaukee's favorite Latin jazz orchestra.
- July 29** **The Vitrolum Republic**
Classically infused folk music.
- The WhiskeyBelles**
A melding of country, folk, and Americana.
- Aug. 5** **The Maji**
Combination of blues, rock, and covers.
- Fresh Cut Collective**
A fresh approach to hip-hop and indie rock that engages audiences.

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- Aug. 12** **Reilly**
Foot stompin' Celtic rock!
- Aug. 19** **5 Card Studs**
Milwaukee's favorite Las Vegas style lounge act.
- Aug. 26** **Paul Cebar Tomorrow Sound**
Funky, Afro-Carib-inflected Americana with spontaneous soul!

Jackson Park

3500 W. Forest Home (Picnic Area 2), Milwaukee

August Nights Sponsored By North Shore Bank

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM

- Aug. 7** **Dixie Doodlers**
A 1920s style jazz band with bright melody, awesome harmony and energetic rhythm.
- Aug. 14** **Liverpool 64**
A musical and visual tribute to when The Beatles changed rock 'n' roll forever.
- Aug. 21** **Swing of Pearls**
Big band swing, cool jazz, upbeat songs, and dance music for all ages.
- Aug. 28** **Katie Beth**
A blend of rock and country that tell stories of heartbreak, redemption, and hope.

Johnsons Park

1919 W. Fond du Lac Avenue, Milwaukee

Friday, July 18 6:30-8:30 pm

Christophers Project

A smooth, melodic infusion of jazz delivered by soulful musicians.

Kosciuszko Park

National Night Out Celebration At The Community Center

2201 S. 7th Street, Milwaukee

Tuesday, Aug. 5: 6:00-8:30 pm

Spanglish

A celebration of a global audience; performing salsa, merengue, funk, and more.

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Lake Park

At The Summer Stage
2975 North Lake Park Road, Milwaukee

Musical Mondays By Lake Park Friends

MONDAYS: 6:30-8:00 pm

<http://www.lakeparkfriends.org/music.shtml>

- July 7** **Stained Glass Brass**
Performing a jewel-toned repertoire from the majestic past to the ultramodern.
- July 14** **Madison Marimba Quartet**
Impeccable ensemble and arrangements of standard, stolen and borrowed repertoire.
- July 21** **My Sweet Patootie**
Quirky blend of vintage jazz, country western, old-timey swing, and blues.
- July 28** **Edel Muñoz**
Highly acclaimed classical guitar master.
- Aug. 4** **Vivo**
Lively and contemporary jazz, pop bossa, and samba music ensemble.
- Aug. 11** **The Whiskey Farm**
This multi-instrumental folk band features great tunes, harmonies and lyrics.
- Aug. 18** **Siempre Flamenco Milwaukee**
An exciting evening of exquisite flamenco dance and music with a flair!
- Aug. 25** **Aldatu**
An extraordinary evening of music and song with an assembly of international artists.

Wonderful Wednesdays - *Concerts for Kids & Families* By Lake Park Friends

WEDNESDAYS: 6:30-7:30 pm

<http://www.lakeparkfriends.org/music.shtml>

- July 2** **Fox & Branch**
Family-focused traditional and original folk music to teach, engage, and inspire!
- July 9** **The Cash Box Kings**
Classic and original blues for a show that is fast and fun for all ages!
- July 16** **Cowboy Randy Erwin**
Great cowboy music, American folklore, and real rope tricks!
- July 23** **Freshwater**
Exciting bluegrass on banjo, mandolin, Dobro, and guitar.
- July 30** **Ms. Jen and the Jellyfish**
The whole audience will be up and moving to fun “kindie rock” music!

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Lindbergh Park

3629 N. 16th Street, Milwaukee

Thursday, July 10 6:30-8:30 pm

AhVantSoul with Jon Pierre Gee and Kat Webb

A mix of classic soul, jazz-funk, R&B, and Latin music.

Mitchell Boulevard Park

5115 W. Bluemound Road, Milwaukee

Thursday, June 19: 6:30-8:30 pm

Dick Strauss Many Happy Returns Orchestra

Enjoy big band hits with this 14-piece crowd pleaser.

Thursday, July 17: 6:30-8:30 pm

Altered Five

A delectable brew of blues and soul with inventive arrangements and distinctive sound.

Pere Marquette Park

900 N. Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee

River Rhythms By Westown Association

WEDNESDAYS 6:00 -9:00 PM

Happy Hour at 5pm, Music starts at 6pm

<http://www.easttown.com/events/jazz-in-the-park>

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| June 11 | 5 Card Studs
Milwaukee's favorite Las Vegas style lounge act. |
| June 18 | Sam Llanas (Former member of BoDeans and Absinthe)
Singer, songwriter, and acoustic guitarist with a distinctive voice. |
| June 22 | Natty Nation
A unique blend of hard roots rock, reggae, and dub. |
| July 2 | NO CONCERT |
| July 9 | Bella Cain
High-energy country group that delivers a non-stop and explosive performance. |
| July 16 | U2Zoo
Celebrating the full U2 Concert experience. |
| July 23 | Tweed Funk
Energetic soul-drenched blues, soul, and funk with an edge! |
| July 30 | Piano Brew
Interactive dueling piano show playing audience rock, blues, and pop requests. |
| Aug. 6 | Tallymoore
Modern adaptations and techniques have given a rebirth to classic Irish folk tunes. |
| Aug. 13 | Vic and Gab with Fever Fever
Irresistible vocals and alternative rock with a unique array of energy! |
| Aug. 20 | MadiSalsa
An exciting array of musical expression, a mix of mambo, merengue, bolero, and salsa. |
| Aug. 27 | Altered Five
A delectable brew of blues and soul with inventive arrangements and distinctive sound. |

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Sheridan Park

4800 S. Lake Drive (Picnic Area 1), Milwaukee

Part of "Pedal in the Park with Pat" (Supervisor Pat Jursik)

Thursday, June 19: 6:30-8:30 pm

Blue Grass Allstars

Exciting bluegrass featuring talent on banjo, fiddle, mandolin, guitar, Dobro, and vocals.

Smith Park

5462 N. 33rd Street, Milwaukee

Thursday, Aug. 7: 6:30-8:30 pm

Eddie Butts Band

A delicious blend of jazz, pop, and R&B.

Wahl Park

4750 N. 48th Street • Milwaukee

Saturday, July 26: 1:00-5:00 pm

Keep'n It Clean (K.I.C.) Band

Dynamic vocals and inspired rhythm to get you dancing!

Washington Park

1859 N. 40th Street , Milwaukee

Wednesdays at the Shell

Supported by: Washington Park Partners, Neighborhoods United for Washington Park, Washington Heights Neighborhood Association, and Washington Heights Rainbow Association

WEDNESDAYS: 6:30-8:30 PM, Opening Acts: 6:00 pm

- July 2** **Alex Wilson Band**
Tasty originals matched with blues guitar grooves will drive you to the dance floor.
- July 9** **Christophers Project**
A smooth, melodic infusion of jazz delivered by soulful musicians.
- July 16** **KT's Universal Love Band**
Be uplifted by the eclectic blend of Afro-reggae sounds and inspiring roots rhythms.
- July 23** **AhVantSoul with Jon Pierre Gee and Kat Webb**
A mix of classic soul, jazz-funk, R&B, and Latin music.
- July 30** **Streetlife with Warren Wiegratz**
A unique blend of R&B and contemporary styles with superb vocals.
- Aug. 6** **Crazy Rocket Fuel**
Energetic, up tempo, retro rockabilly all-female band.
- Aug. 13** **Charles Walker Band**
Deep grooving, high energy blues, soul, and funk fusion.
- Aug. 20** **Groove Therapy**
Dynamic classic rock and blues – a sound that can rock or soothe the soul.
- Aug. 27** **De La Buena**
Milwaukee's favorite Latin jazz orchestra.

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