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Parks’ “Summer’s Best” Free Concerts Announced

Milwaukee, WI (May 14, 2015) — 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 20 park venues throughout the County. From June 2–September 17, the public can listen to nearly 100 live concerts, at no charge.

“The Parks offer amazing cultural events to families, friends in the community, and visitors,” said Parks Director John Dargle, Jr. “Our FREE concerts give everyone the opportunity for a summer evening out—and the venues have views that can’t be beat!”

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

“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.

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2015 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 (Special hours are noted)

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

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

- June 4*** **Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra**
Experience one of the finest orchestras in the nation!
*Special hours: 7:30-8:30pm
- June 11** **Rebel Grace**
A mix of country rock hits and originals from highly regarded veteran musicians.
- June 18** **Reverend Raven and the Chain Smokin' Altar Boys**
Traditional blues that groove with incredible guitar, harmonica, rhythm, and vocals!
- June 25** **Orquesta Veneno**
A fun, high-energy merengue and salsa band that will get you moving!
- July 2** **Platinum**
A power house contemporary, but classic, variety band performing your favorites.
- July 9** **Paul Cebal Tomorrow Sound**
Funky, Afro-Carib-inflected Americana with spontaneous soul!
- July 16** **Concord Chamber Orchestra**
Intimate and stimulating classical pops performed by talented volunteer musicians.
- July 23** **Naima Adedapo**
Milwaukee's American Idol favorite, a pop vibe mixed with smoky and soulful vocals
- July 30** **Peter Mac and Friends**
Guitar-driven rock exhibiting sensitivity to jazz with passion, grace, and fire.
- Aug. 6** **5 Card Studs**
Milwaukee's favorite Las Vegas style lounge act.
- Aug. 13** **Cold Sweat and the Brew City Horns**
This premiere show band will wow you with their talent, energy, and non-stop fun!
- Aug. 20** **Liam Ford Band**
This hard-rockin' band will be paying tribute to Country Music Legend, Johnny Cash.
- Aug. 27*** **The Jimmys**
An exhilarating mix of powerhouse blues, funk, and rock 'n' roll.
*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 4 Christopher's Project**
A smooth, melodic infusion of jazz delivered by soulful musicians.
- June 11 The Jimmys**
An exhilarating mix of powerhouse blues, funk, and rock 'n' roll.
- June 18 Incendio**
Set off on a sonic exploration into the realms of instrumental world fusion.
Terra Guitarra
A landscape of world music, nuevo flamenco, new age guitar music.
- June 25 WiFEE and the HUZZ BAND**
They'll knock your socks off, with their original "New Classic Soul" music.
- July 2 Orquesta Tumbao**
An all-star ensemble delivering high energy performances of Latin Jazz classics.
- July 9 Bastille Days Programming – July 9 - July 12**
- July 16 Streetlife with Warren Wiegratz**
A unique blend of R&B and contemporary styles with superb vocals
NO BS! Brass Band
This instrumental funk band has strong influences of jazz and rock.
- July 23 Jim Liban & the Joel Paterson Trio**
Consummate harmonica player and Chicago-based guitarist perform amazing blues-rock.
- July 30 Davina & the Vagabonds**
This rollicking quintet focuses on acoustic instruments novel to blues and jazz worlds.
- Aug. 6 Primitive Culture**
A blending of multiple genres into an original, upbeat, and danceable groove!
- Aug. 13 Steely Dane**
A ever so reverent tribute to the songbook of Steely Dan by a talented musical collective.
- Aug. 20 Jose Valdes & The Mambo Allstars**
Authentic Latin "swing con clave" is the trademark of this group.
- Aug. 27 Altered Five Blues Band**
A delectable brew of blues and soul with inventive arrangements and distinctive sound.
- Sept. 3 Bill Bonifas & the Legends of Milwaukee Jazz**
Guitarist and Master of Ceremonies at Jazz in the Park.

Columbus Park

7301 W. Courtland Avenue, Milwaukee

Wednesday, July 22: 6:30-8:30 pm

Tweed Funk

Energetic soul-drenched blues, soul, and funk with an edge!

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Dineen Park

6901 W. Vienna Avenue, Milwaukee

Wednesday, Aug. 19: 6:30-8:30 pm

King Solomon

An infectious blend of roots reggae and dancehall.

(With a special performance by The Jazzy Jewels Dancers)

Gordon Park

2828 N. Humboldt Boulevard, Milwaukee

Thursday, June 11: 6:30-8:30 pm *(During Traveling Beer Garden™ Stop)*

Eddie Butts Band

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

Grant Park

100 E. Hawthorne Avenue (Picnic Area 5A), South Milwaukee

Thursday, June 25: 6:30-8:30 pm *(During Traveling Beer Garden™ Stop)*

Chris Hanson Band

Swinging jazz, country, and blues music at its best!

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 2 Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra**
Experience one of the finest orchestras in the nation!
- June 9 The Delta Routine**
A blend of old-fashioned rock 'n' roll with the rootsy sounds of Americana music.
- June 16 Anna Fermin**
A blending of folk, country and rock pedigrees with a bit of pop music love.
- June 23 Extra Crispy Brass Band**
An authentic New Orleans style brass band.
- June 30 American Legion Band**
Milwaukee's favorite traditional concert band.
- July 7 Painted Caves**
Middle Eastern-influenced psychedelic grooves meet California surf rock.
- July 14 Urban Empress & The Urbanlites**
A rootsy vibe of reggae, ska, dub, hip-hop, and neo-soul music.
The Park People's Run for the Parks Run & Walk Event
- July 21 The Vitrolum Republic**
Classically infused folk music.
- July 28 Space Raft**
Pop psyche rock & roll inspired by science fiction.
- Midwest Death Rattle**
Exciting indie rock that exists to devour all things milquetoast and corrupt.

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(Chill on the Hill continued)

- Aug. 4 Rust Belt Rejects**
A mix of genres that create a modern distinct fluid sound.
Generation Z
This band's energy and charisma will have you dancing all night long!
- Aug. 11 The Carpetbaggers**
A unique mix of Delta blues, rockabilly, honky tonk, and roots rock.
Doghouse Flowers
Vintage honky-tonk and rock that will stay in your heart and mind for days.
- Aug. 18 Chief**
Energetic, up tempo, rock and roll with attitude.
The Size 5's
Bay View based heavy-hitting, punk rock band.
- Aug. 25 Greatest Lakes**
An indie rock band capturing a spacier, modern version of west-coast folk rock.
Ladders
A classic rock band infused with spectral, wandering songwriting.
- Sept. 1 Living Statues**
A melding of pop sensibilities with explosive, edgy garage rock textures.
Dead Horses
An acoustic band with a cultivated folk sensibility and heartfelt 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. 6 D'CalleSon**
Latin urban salsa and jazz fusion orchestra.
- Aug. 13 Eddie Butts Band**
A delicious blend of jazz, pop, and R&B.
- Aug. 20 Vivo with Warren Wiegratz**
Lively and contemporary jazz, pop bossa, and samba music ensemble.
- Aug. 27 Upside Groove Coalition**
A fresh, rump-shakin' mix of funk, rock, and old school R&B music.

Johnsons Park

1919 W. Fond du Lac Avenue, Milwaukee

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

Kojo

Roots reggae and calypso fun for all ages!

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Kosciuszko Park

National Night Out Celebration At The Community Center

2201 S. 7th Street, Milwaukee

Tuesday, Aug. 4: 6:00-8:30 pm

Carlos Adames

Latin music with innovative jazz arrangements that are both contemporary and classic.

Lincoln Park

National Night Out Celebration

1301 W. Hampton Ave., Milwaukee

Tuesday, Aug. 4: 6:0-8:30 pm

Davis Family Band

Soulful renditions of acappella vocals, jazz, and classic R&B perfect for everyone.

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 6 Milwaukee Mandolin Orchestra

A performance that echoes a 1900s bandshell concert with fox trots, polkas, and ragtime.

July 13 Stas!

Bayan accordionist-extraordinaire performing classics, tangos, and Russian folk tunes.

July 20 Randy Sabien & Don Stiernberg

A funky fiddler and a mandolin master join forces with some all-time jazz favorites.

July 27 Philomusica

This Wisconsin Conservatory of Music string quartet returns to share its favorite repertoire.

Aug. 3 Paula Dewey Cabot With Connie Grauer & Kim Zick

Local WAMI Award winner musicians perform a treasury of songs.

Aug. 10 Claudia Schmidt

Be enchanted by this folksinger's guitar, dulcimer, distinctive voice, and insightful lyrics.

Aug. 17 John Thulin Trio

"What d'ya Know" aficionados regularly featured on Michael Feldman's NPR show.

Aug. 24 Milwaukee Chamber Choir

The area's newest vocal ensemble featuring American folk hymns and selections.

Aug. 31 Aaron-Hetzel Quartet

A tasty "kitchen sink concert" drawing on Klezmer music, pop tunes, and jazz standards.

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Wonderful Wednesdays - *Concerts for Kids & Families*

By Lake Park Friends

WEDNESDAYS: 6:30-7:30 pm

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

- June 24 Ms. Jen and the Jellyfish**
The whole audience will be up and moving to fun “kindie rock” music!
- July 1 Adam and I**
Unique energy of Americana and the sounds of the 50’s and 60’s.
- July 8 South End Blues Band**
Five-piece ensemble covering blues, R&B, and original blues-rock.
- July 15 Liverpool ‘64**
The band performs all of the great, early Beatles hits.
- July 22 Cash Box Kings**
This authentic Chicago blues band brings the classics along with their own material!
- July 29 Extra Crispy Brass Band**
An authentic New Orleans style brass band.
- Aug 5 Fox & Branch**
Family-focused traditional and original folk music to teach, engage, and inspire!

Mitchell Park Domes

524 S. Layton Boulevard, Milwaukee

Thursday, July 16: 6:30-8:30 pm (*During Traveling Beer Garden™ Stop*)

Abraxas

A fantastic Santana Tribute Band!

Mitchell Boulevard Park

5115 W. Bluemound Road, Milwaukee

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM

- June 18 King Comets**
One hell of a swingin’ four-piece band!
- Aug. 20 Ian Gould**
Ian’s shows share pub spirit and conjure images of Ireland.

Moody Park

3629 N. 16th Street, Milwaukee

Thursday, Aug. 20: 6:30-8:30 pm (*During Traveling Beer Garden™ Stop*)

AhVantSoul with Jon Pierre Gee and Kat Webb

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

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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>

- June 10 Painted Caves**
Middle Eastern-influenced psychedelic grooves meet California surf rock.
- June 17 Uprising**
Rockin' harmonies, blazing guitars, thundering rhythm section and a loved playlist.
- June 24 De La Buena**
Milwaukee's favorite Latin jazz orchestra.
- July 1 The WhiskeyBelles**
A melding of classic and obscure vintage country-Americana, folk revival tunes.
- July 8 Thriftones**
Folk style music with a generous helping of Americana roots!
- July 15 Trapper Schoepp**
A mix of rocking tunes and sweet Americana-laced tales.
- July 22 The Rockin' Johnny Band**
Vintage Chicago blues, with ventures into Stax style soul, swing, and originals.
- July 29 Copper Box**
An accordion-fueled, roots rock party with inspiration from polka, rock, blues and Zydeco.
- Aug. 5 5 Card Studs**
Milwaukee's favorite Las Vegas style lounge act.
- Aug. 12 FullSet**
Traditional, stunning, and unique Irish sound that is full of energy and innovation.
- Aug. 19 Brother**
Unique sound of the didgeridoo, the soaring of bagpipes, and a tribal percussion.
- Aug. 26 Hugh Bob and the Hustle**
This slice of classic American roots music with ruggedly poetic lyrics and sincerity.

Sheridan Park

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

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

Thursday, June 18: 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. 6: 6:30-8:30 pm

Cigarette Break

Infuses your favorites with a jolt of improvisation and creates new head-banging music!

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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 1 Christopher's Project**
A smooth, melodic infusion of jazz delivered by soulful musicians.
- July 8 Marcell's Matrix**
A fun combination of blues and funk that everyone will love.
- July 15 Kids from Wisconsin**
Wisconsin's finest youth performers will boost your spirits with today's top hits.
- July 22 Brew City Big Band**
Big Band recreating performances of the 1930's through the 1960's.
- July 29 KT's Universal Love Band**
A fusion of reggae and African music with a bit of a punk spirit.
- Aug. 5 Peter Mulvey**
Tender acoustic picking to rootsy blues and jazz.
- Aug. 12 Charles Walker Band**
Deep grooving, high energy blues, soul, and funk fusion.
- Aug. 19 Valerie B. & the Boyz Band**
Energizing funk & R&B perfect for dancing the night away.
- Aug. 26 Nabori**
A fresh and funky take on Afro-Cuban and Latin Jazz.

Wedgewood Park

National Night Out Celebration

7201 W. Wedgewood, Milwaukee

Tuesday, Aug. 4: 6:30-8:30 pm

Our House

Professional 4-part harmonies and an exciting stage show.

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