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County Executive Chris Abele Announces Parks’ “Summer’s Best” Free Concerts

Milwaukee, WI (May 10, 2016) – Today, Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele and Parks Director John Dargle, Jr. announced the lineup for the “Summer’s Best” concert series. From June 2–September 14, the public can listen to more than 100 live performances in a variety of genres, at no charge, at 22 park venues throughout the County.

“With music as ‘the universal language of mankind,’ our concerts in the Parks bring together people of all walks of life,” said County Executive Abele. “We offer amazing cultural experiences to families, friends in the community, and visitors. Our FREE concerts give everyone the opportunity for a summer evening out—with 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 Chill on the Hill at Humboldt Park.

At Boerner Botanical Gardens, visitors arriving after 6 p.m. on concert nights will receive free admission to the Botanical Gardens. Zilli Hospitality Group will sell food and beverage items at Concerts in the 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 the concert series.

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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2016 Summer's Best Free Park Concerts Schedule

* Schedule subject to change. Shows go on, weather permitting. No rain dates.

Get updated schedules at: <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 30* Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra *Special hours: 7:30-8:30pm
- July 7 Naima Adedapo
- July 14 Harmonic Maneuvers
- July 21 Brewtown Brew Grass / Chicken Wire Empire
- July 28 The Jimmys
- Aug 4 Daryl Stuermer
- Aug 11 Paul Cebar Tomorrow Sound
- Aug 18 Bella Cain
- Aug 25 Generation - Sixties Experience
- Sept 1 Greg Koch *Special hours: 6:30-9:30pm

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 2 Milwaukee Soul
- June 9 Sonny Knight & The Lakers
- June 16 The People Brothers Band
- June 23 Jose Valdes & The Mambo Allstars
- June 30 Leroy Airmaster with Junior Brantley
- July 7 In Black N White
- July 14-17 Bastille Days Programming
- July 21 Blair Crimmins & The Hookers
- July 28 Leftover Cuties
- Aug. 4 Kelli & The Soulmates
- Aug. 11 The Jimmys
- Aug. 18 Chicago Tribute Anthology
- Aug. 25 Paul Cebar Tomorrow Sound
- Sept. 1 Charles Walker Band

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Columbus Park

7301 W. Courtland Avenue, Milwaukee

Wednesday, July 20: 6:30-8:30 pm

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

Dineen Park

6901 W. Vienna Avenue, Milwaukee

Wednesday, Aug. 17: 6:30-8:30 pm

Cigarette Break

Gordon Park

2828 N. Humboldt Boulevard, Milwaukee

Thursday, June 16: 6:30-8:30 pm

Eddie Butts Band

Grant Park

100 E. Hawthorne Avenue (Picnic Area 5A), South Milwaukee - *During Traveling Beer Garden™*

Saturday, June 25: 6:30-8:30 pm

Well-Known Strangers

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-Schedule-2016>

- June 7 The Mosleys
- June 14 Foreign Goods
- June 21 Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (**Presented by Habush Habush & Rottier**)
- June 28 AUTOMatic / Evan Christian and the Stinkies
- July 5 American Legion Band
- July 12 Soul Low & Paper Holland
- July 19 Tigernite & Faux Fiction
- July 26 Rocket Paloma / Atomic Spins
- (Run for the Parks in partnership with the Park People of Milwaukee)**
- Aug. 2 Cavewives
- Aug. 9 Thriftones / Cactus Brothers
- Aug. 16 Jokers Henchman & Jon Burk's Band
- Aug. 23 Trolley & Indonesian Junk
- Aug. 30 Midnight Reruns

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Jackson Park

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

August Nights Sponsored By North Shore Bank

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM

- Aug. 4 Cache & the Pueblo Latino Orchestra
- Aug. 11 Saturday June Band
- Aug. 18 Mariachi Zamora
- Aug. 25 Leahys Luck

Johnsons Park

Park Grand Opening Celebration

1919 W. Fond du Lac Avenue, Milwaukee

Thursday, June 23, 6:30-8:30 pm

Tony TNT Washington and his Explosive Divas - WITH A.W.E. TRUCK STUDIO 6-8pm

Juneau Park

Poetry in the Park

near the Solomon Juneau statue overlooking Lake Michigan

An outdoor reading series celebrating the written and spoken word.

2nd Tuesday, June–September, 6:30-8 pm

June 14: John Koethe, Ann-Marie Blanchard, Nick Demske, Mikey Murry

July 12: Brenda Cardenas, KJ Prodigy/Kavon Jones, Glenn Shaheen, Peter Burzynski

August 9: Chuck Stebelton, Timothy Yu, Carina Gia Farrero, Freesia McKee

September 13: Renaissance Theaterworks' BR!NK (play-reading and Q&A)

Kosciuszko Park

National Night Out Celebration

At The Community Center, 2201 S. 7th Street, Milwaukee

Tuesday, Aug. 2: 4:00-8:00 pm

Maracujaz Brazilian & American Jazz - 6:00-8:00 pm - WITH A.W.E. TRUCK STUDIO 6-8pm

King Park

Back to School Celebration

At The Community Center, 1531 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee

Saturday, Aug. 13: 11am- 6pm

Valerie B. & the Boyz Band - 2:00-4:00pm

Lincoln Park

National Night Out Celebration

1301 W. Hampton Ave., Milwaukee

Tuesday, Aug. 2: 5:00-9:00 pm

KIC Keep'n It Clean (K.I.C.) - 6:30-8:30 pm

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Lake Park

At The Summer Stage, 2975 North Lake Park Road, Milwaukee

<http://lakeparkfriends.org/visit/events/music-in-the-park/>

Musical Mondays

By Lake Park Friends

MONDAYS: 6:30-8:00 pm

July 11 Avec Le Bois

July 18 Tim Burr

July 25 Betti Xiang

Aug. 1 Harmonious Wail

Aug. 8 Collegium Ladyes

Aug. 15 Patrick Ball

Aug. 22 Grandsons Of The Pioneers With The Vintage Mix Quartet

Aug. 29 The New South Rampart Street Paraders With Lisa Edgar

Wonderful Wednesdays - *Concerts for Kids & Families*

By Lake Park Friends

WEDNESDAYS: 6:30-7:30 pm

July 6 Extra Crispy Brass Band

July 13 Ms. Jen and the Jellyfish

July 20 The Tritonics

July 27 Altered Five Blues Band

Aug. 3 The Mood Swing Orchestra

Aug. 10 Charles Walker Band

Aug. 17 Fox and Branch

Lindbergh Park

3629 N. 16th Street, Milwaukee

Thursday, July 14: 6:30-8:30 pm

AhVantSoul with Jon Pierre Gee and Kat Webb - WITH A.W.E. TRUCK STUDIO 6-8pm

Mitchell Park / The Domes

524 S. Layton Boulevard, Milwaukee

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM

Sponsored By Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative

July 7 Abraxes - **WITH A.W.E. TRUCK STUDIO 6-8pm**

July 14 Eddie Butts Band

July 21 UIC Latin Orchestra

July 28 The Differentials

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Mitchell Boulevard Park

5115 W. Bluemound Road, Milwaukee

6:30-8:30 PM

Supported By Story Hill Neighborhood Association

Thur., July 21 SHAG

Thur., Aug. 18 Saturday June Band

Wed., Sept. 14 Milwaukee Metropolitan Voices

Moody Park

2200 W Burleigh Street, Milwaukee

Thursday, Aug. 25: 6:30-8:30 pm

Christopher's Project - WITH A.W.E. TRUCK STUDIO 6-8pm

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.westown.org/neighborhood-events/river-rhythms-2/>

June 8 Shonn Hinton & Shotgun

June 15 Soul Low

June 22 King Solomon

June 29 The Rad Trads

July 6 Dave McElroy

July 13 New Age Narcissism

July 20 52nd Street

July 27 Cajun Strangers

Aug. 3 5 Card Studs

Aug. 10 Liam Ford Band

Aug. 17 Cache

Aug. 24 Justin Adams

Aug. 31 Pay the Devil

Sheridan Park

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

Thursday, August 11: 6:30-8:30 pm

Supported By Sheridan Park Friends

The Bluegrass All Stars

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Smith Park

5462 N. 33rd Street, Milwaukee

Thursday, August 4: 6:30-8:30 pm

Christopher's Project

Washington Park

1859 N. 40th Street, Milwaukee

Wednesdays at the Shell

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

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

- July 6 Kids From Wisconsin
- July 13 Groove Therapy - **WITH A.W.E. TRUCK STUDIO 6-8pm**
– with Brewcity Brusiers Community Picnic
- July 20 Nabori
- July 27 KT's Universal Love Band - **WITH A.W.E. TRUCK STUDIO 6-8pm**
- Aug. 3 Terry Sims Band
- Aug. 10 Extra Crispy Brass Band - **WITH A.W.E. TRUCK STUDIO 6-8pm**
- Aug. 17 Kelli and the Soulmates - **WITH A.W.E. TRUCK STUDIO 6-8pm**
- Aug. 24 The Davis Family Band - **WITH A.W.E. TRUCK STUDIO 6-8pm**
- Aug. 31 Peter Mulvey - **WITH A.W.E. TRUCK STUDIO 6-8pm**

Wedgewood Park

National Night Out Celebration

7201 W. Wedgewood, Milwaukee

Supported by: Friends of Wedgewood Park

Monday, Aug. 1: 6:30-8:30 pm

Our House

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