



Free Summer Jazz Concert Schedule

Concerts are listed in chronological order so you can look at today's date and choose where to go.

KEY

BSP = Bryant Square Park, 31st and Bryant Ave. S., Minneapolis (Uptown)
FHB = Father Hennepin Bluffs, 420 Main Street. SE, Minneapolis (southeast bank of the Mississippi River at the Stone Arch Bridge)
LHB = Lake Harriet Bandshell, 4135 Lake Harriet Parkway, Minneapolis
MCM = Mill City Museum, 704 South Second St., Minneapolis
MHF = Minnehaha Falls, 4801 Minnehaha Ave. S., Minneapolis
MNH = Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul
NOR = Northrop Plaza, University of Minnesota main campus, Minneapolis (concerts move inside Northrop if it rains)
SAM = St. Anthony Main, Minneapolis Riverfront District
TCJFM = Twin Cities Jazz Festival, 10th and 11th Sts. and Nicollet Mall, downtown Minneapolis
TCJFS = Twin Cities Jazz Festival, Mears Park, 5th St. E. & Sibley St., downtown St. Paul

JUNE

Sunday, June 15, 2 p.m., LHB: Ticket to Brasil. Bossa nova, samba, and Brazilian jazz.

Monday, June 16, 12 p.m.–1 p.m., NOR: Salsabrosa. Latin sounds by musicians from Cuba, Honduras, and the USA.

Thursday, June 19, 12 p.m.–1 p.m., NOR: Café Accordion Orchestra. French musette, Latin, and swing from a band that never disappoints. (Their 7th CD is due out July 15.)

Thursday, June 19, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m., BSP: Dean Harrington Trio. Gypsy, Latin, and traditional jazz.

Friday, June 20, TCJFS (Mears Park):

6 p.m.–7:30 p.m.: Salsabrosa. Latin sounds by musicians from Cuba, Honduras, and the USA.

8:30 p.m.–10 p.m.: Jerry Gonzalez and The Fort Apache Band. Gonzalez was a member of Dizzy Gillespie's band. Expect authentic, exhilarating Afro-Caribbean jazz.

Saturday, June 21, TCJFS (Mears Park):

12 p.m.–1 p.m.: Walker West Music Academy Young Artists Showcase.

2 p.m.–3 p.m.: Acme Jazz Company. A 19-piece big band.

4 p.m.–5 p.m.: The Bill Crutcher Group. Jazz, funk, blues and R&B.

6 p.m.–7:30 p.m.: Tanner Taylor Tribute to Oscar Peterson. Read a preview of Taylor's recent dates at the Artists' Quarter.

http://www.minnpost.com/pamelaespeland/2008/05/30/2040/piano_man_tanner_taylor_finds_the_keys_to_the_scene

8:30 p.m.–10 p.m.: Ravi Coltrane Quartet. The amazing young saxophonist/composer's splendid quartet is one of the big gigs at this year's jazz festival, and it's free. Coltrane played the Northrop Jazz Season earlier this year.

Sunday, June 22, 2 p.m., LHB: Minnesota Jazz Orchestra. Big band music from the 1930s–60s.

Monday, June 23, 12 p.m.–1 p.m., NOR: Seven Corners Quarter. Jazz, funk, and blues. (Saxophonist Jason Parvey is studying for his bachelor's degree in music performance at the U.)

Tuesday, June 24, 7 p.m., MHF: Westside Trombone Quartet. Classical, jazz, Latin, funk.

Wednesday, June 25, 5 p.m. This is billed as part of the **Twin Cities Jazz Festival** but it's the only event being held on the front lawn of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington (8600 Fremont Ave. S.). Connie Evingson, pianist Jon Weber, the George Maurer group, and more will perform. Bring a lawn chair? I have no clue.

Wednesday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., LHB: Divine Diva Dames. Vocal jazz/blues/Broadway/spirituals.

Thursday, June 26, 7 p.m., MHF: Late for Lunch. Acoustic jazzy style.

Friday, June 27, TCJFM (Peavey Plaza, 11th St. & Nicollet Mall):

4 p.m.–5 p.m.: Neoterik. Students from the Manhattan School of Music, the Brubeck Institute, and Northern Illinois University.

5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.: Jon Weber & Friends. One of my favorite pianists and a jazz festival regular.

7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.: The Tuesday Night Band (of Artists' Quarter fame) with Bill Brown on B-3 organ.

9 p.m.–10:30 p.m.: Tribute to Brother Jack McDuff featuring Tony Monaco (B-3 organ) and the Heatin' System (Andrew Beals, John Hart, Rudy Petschauer).

Saturday, June 28, TCJFM (MacPhail Center for Music/Dakota Foundation for Jazz Education Stage, 10th St. & Nicollet Mall):

12:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Student jazz bands play all day, including the Dakota Combo (directed by jazz musician and MacPhail educator Kelly Rossum) starting at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 28, TCJFM (Peavey Plaza, 11th St. & Nicollet Mall):

1 p.m.–2 p.m.: Dave Hagedorn. One of today's great vibists teaches at St. Olaf College.

3 p.m.–4 p.m.: Skyway Jazz Orchestra.

5 p.m.–6:30 p.m.: Moore by Four. Twin Cities legends.

7 p.m.–8:30 p.m.: Amina Figarova Sextet. Figarova is a jazz pianist based in Rotterdam.

9 p.m.–10:30 p.m.: Charmaine Neville. The famous New Orleans singer, daughter of Neville Brothers sax man Charles.

Sunday, June 29, TCJFM (MacPhail Center for Music/Dakota Foundation for Jazz Education Stage, 10th St. & Nicollet Mall):

12:30 p.m.–6 p.m. The Jazz Vocalists of Minnesota start the day, followed by the Totino Grace High School Jazz Ensemble and a MacPhail jam session. MacPhail faculty perform with the winners of the recent Schubert Club/Dakota Foundation Jazz Piano competition starting at 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 29, TCJFM (Peavey Plaza, 11th St. & Nicollet Mall):

2 p.m.–3 p.m.: Dan Musselman. The pianist and trumpeter won the first-ever full-tuition Diana Ross Scholarship.

3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.: Red Rock Swing Band. A 17-piece swing band from Woodbury. Classic big band sounds.

5 p.m.–6:30 p.m.: Salsa del Soul. Some of the finest musicians on the Twin Cities' Latin music scene wrap up the free part of this year's jazz fest.

Monday, June 30, 7 p.m., MHF: Urban Cadence. Jazz, funk, R&B.

Monday, June 30, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m., FHB: Frank Boyle and His Eminent Acoustic Entourage. Swing, jazz, folk originals.

Monday, June 30, 7:30 p.m., LHB: Jazz on the Prairie Big Band.

JULY

Tuesday, July 1, 12 p.m.–1 p.m., NOR: Seven Steps to Havana. Led by Doug Little, seven musicians from five countries play salsa and jazz.

Wednesday, July 2, 12 p.m.–1 p.m., NOR: Christine Rosholt Quintet. Swinging jazz vocals and band.

Wednesday, July 2, 7:30 p.m., LHB: Batak. World jazz fusion.

Saturday, July 5, 7:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m., SAM: Axis Mundi. Contemporary world beat jazz.

Sunday, July 6, 2 p.m., LHB: Southside Aces. Traditional jazz.

Tuesday, July 8, 7 p.m., MHF: Celebration Brass. Jazz, Dixieland, ragtime, golden oldies.

Wednesday, July 9, 12 p.m.–1 p.m., NOR: Laura Caviani Jazz Trio. Smart, soulful jazz including originals.

Wednesday, July 9, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m., FHB: The Willie August Project. Melodic jazz.

Sunday, July 13, 2 p.m., LHB: Late for Lunch. Acoustic jazzy style.

Tuesday, July 15, 12 p.m.–1 p.m., NOR: Phil Hey Quartet. Hard bop from a master drummer and his award-winning quartet.

Tuesday, July 15, 6:30 p.m.–8 p.m., MNH: Brasamba. Brazilian music.

Tuesday, July 15, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m., BSP: Celebration Brass. Classic, contemporary, jazz, Broadway, marches.

Tuesday, July 15, 7 p.m., MHF: Ingo Bethke. Jazz, Latin, rock fusion. This is jazz tubist Stefan Kac's new band, with Snowblind's tenor saxophonist Shilad Sen. Should be good.

Tuesday, July 15, 7:30 p.m., LHB: Stan Bann Big Band. Original and contemporary big band jazz.

Thursday, July 17, 12 p.m.–1 p.m., NOR: Lee Engele. The smoky-voiced singer specializes in jazz, blues, and lounge.

Thursday, July 24, 12 p.m.–1 p.m., NOR: Tropical Zone Band. Salsa and meringue. Hot hot!

Saturday, July 26, 7:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m., SAM: Jack Brass Band. Jazz, blues, funk.

Sunday, July 27, 7:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m., SAM: Gypsy Mania. World beat jazz.

Tuesday, July 29, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., MNH: Red Rock Swing Band. Classic swing from Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, and the modern revival. (Check out the displays of WWII gear and vintage clothing.)

Tuesday, July 29, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m., BSP: Wild Honey & The Locusts. Jazz/gospel combo.

Wednesday, July 30, 7:30 p.m., LHB: Bend in the River Big Band. Jazz and swing.

Thursday, July 31, 7 p.m., MHF: Dean Harrington Trio. Gypsy, Latin, and traditional jazz.

AUGUST

Friday, August 1, 7:30 p.m., LHB: Gypsy Mania Quartet. Hot Club swing with a Latin twist.

Saturday, August 2, 7:30 p.m., LHB: Honeysuckle Rose. American jazz and Gypsy folk.

Monday, August 4, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m., FHB: Wild Honey & The Locusts. Jazz/gospel combo.

Thursday, August 7, 6 p.m.–8p.m., MCM: Salsabrosa. Latin sounds by musicians from Cuba, Honduras, and the USA.

Thursday, August 7, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m., BSP: Rennieworks. Jazz fusion and rock.

Thursday, August 7, 7:30 p.m., LHB: Willie August Project. Melodic jazz.

Saturday, August 9, 1 p.m.–6 p.m. **10th Annual Freedom Jazz Festival.** Minnehaha Park Bandstand, 4801 Minnehaha Ave. S., Minneapolis. As of this writing, this festival—probably the most diverse and community-oriented event of its kind—is still a bit tentative, but mark your calendars anyway. We'll let you know more as the time nears.

Saturday, August 9, 7:30 p.m., LHB: Michael Monroe. Acoustic folk reggae, jazz

Tuesday, August 12, 7 p.m., MHF: Sonic Love Child. Country, blues, jazz, vintage pop.

Tuesday, August 12, 7:30 p.m., LHB: Honeywell Concert Band. Show tunes, swing, jazz, and old favorites.

Thursday, August 14, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m., BSP: Back Alley Boys. Blues and jazz.

Thursday, August 14, 7 p.m., MHF: Honeysuckle Rose. American jazz and Gypsy folk.

Friday, August 15, 7:30 p.m., LHB: Twin Cities Hot Club. Robert Bell, Reynold Philipsek, Gary Schulte, and Matt Senjem play Hot Club jazz, Gypsy jazz, and swing.

Sunday, August 17, 2 p.m., LHB: 1st Things 1st. Vocal swing of the 1940s and '50s.

Monday, August 18, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m., FHB: Urban Cadence. Jazz, funk, R&B.

Tuesday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., LHB: River City Jazz Orchestra. Big band jazz.

Wednesday, August 20, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m., FHB: Robert Bell & Friends Featuring Nichola Miller. Gypsy, swing, jazz originals and standards from the guitar player and vocalist who moved to New York, then moved back home.

Thursday, August 21, 6 p.m.–8p.m., MCM: Jeloslave. Bach, Led Zeppelin, jazz, and improvisation played on cello, drums, and tabla. This may actually be free *free* jazz.

Thursday, August 21, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m., BSP: Yo Yimbo. Straight-ahead jazz sextet.

Thursday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., LHB: Dean Harrington Trio. Gypsy, Latin, and traditional jazz.