

Chicago Brass Band

Brass Ensemble

Chicago Brass Band is a thirty-piece brass and percussion ensemble that performs throughout the world. Composed of cornets, flugel and tenor horns, baritones, euphoniums, trombones, tubas and percussion, the Band's repertoire includes classical transcriptions, popular music, jazz, traditional, show tunes, marches, and original works for brass band.

Route 66

A Cappella Quartet

Route 66 made its spectacular debut in 1994 in The Netherlands and proved to be a success all over Europe. Founder Leslie Gray Robbins returned to the United States in 1996 and re-created the group here in Chicago. Performing music styles ranging from the 1940s through present day, Route 66 continues to perform all across the U.S.A.!

Bopology

Swing and Jazz

Bopology is a six-piece Chicago swing and jazz band with a tight, professional sound that has developed from the experience of performing together since 1992.

Fernandez + Kimball

Spanish Guitars

Fernandez + Kimball are known for their flamenco pop and Latin American standards, as well as traditional and classical flamenco.

R-Gang

Motown, R&B

Voted Best R&B Band in Chicagoland, R-Gang specializes in Motown and R&B music from the 60s to today. Comprised of some of the most highly respected members of Chicagoland's musical community, R-Gang has performed with Survivor and Mavis Staples, and has written and recorded for The Doobie Brothers. They have been the on-field band for the Chicago Bears and pregame entertainment for the Chicago Bulls.

Fatum Jazz Quintet

Jazz

Chicago's own Fatum Brothers are at it again, this time with their all-star quintet. John (drums) and Michael (trumpet) visit the Chicago Botanic Garden this summer after five months in Italy to perform with Chicago's freshest and most promising jazz talents. Celebrated in the community for their swingin' music and exceptional stage presence, the Fatum Brothers will be presenting a concert of originals and jazz classics. They can't wait to swing with you!

The Special Consensus

Bluegrass

The Special Consensus is celebrating their 35th anniversary! Band leader and banjo player Greg Cahill formed the renowned touring and recording bluegrass band. The band repertoire includes original songs written by band members and bluegrass classics performed on banjo, guitar, mandolin, and bass, with plenty of solo and harmony vocals.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

MUSIC ON THE ESPLANADE

TUESDAYS, 6 – 8 P.M.

June 8	Chicago Brass Band
June 15	Route 66
June 22	Bopology
June 29	Fernandez + Kimball

July 6	R-Gang
July 13	Fatum Jazz Quintet
July 20	The Special Consensus
July 27	Alessandro Gina

August 3	1969
August 10	Mr. Meyers
August 17	Route 66
August 24	Morry Sochat and The Special 20's
August 31	Fernandez + Kimball

Visit www.chicagobotanic.org/music to learn more about these performers and hear music samples.

PNC is a supporting sponsor of Summer Evenings.

This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

The Chicago Botanic Garden is one of the treasures of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

Alessandro Gina

Latin Fusion

A prolific songwriter, Alessandro Gina was trained in voice technique and self-taught in guitar, piano, and in the use of Afro-Latino percussion. Alessandro is today recognized as much for the uplifting spirit of his songs and the soul-stirring quality of their lyrics as for his musical skills and warm and soothing voice. His love for music and culture and his firm conviction that artists are essentially storytellers permeate Alessandro's music.

1969

Classic Songs of the Sixties

The band 1969 breathes new life into songs made famous by Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Jefferson Airplane, Joe Cocker, Cream, and so many other stars of the Woodstock era. 1969 features four exciting lead vocalists and a blistering rhythm section, complete with costuming and stage show. Their music will take you back, as you find yourself dancing and singing along like it's 1969 all over again!

Mr. Meyers

Caribbean Calypso & Rock

Mr. Myers blends the sounds of calypso and ska, the rhythms of reggae, and a touch of rock and roll, with some favorite tunes, to create their own special style of music known as Caribbean Rock. The magic of Mr. Myers' trademark sound stems from bandleader Todd Donnelly's use of steel drums or steel pans. Mr. Myers was one of the first midwestern bands to make use of this!

Morry Sochat and The Special 20's

Chicago Blues

Morry Sochat and The Special 20's bring a fresh sound to the Chicago blues scene. They mix classic Chicago blues with swing and rock 'n' roll from the 1950s. They're influenced by the best in blues history including Muddy Waters, Little Walter, Louis Jordan, Junior Wells, and all of the Chicago greats.

Select performances may take place in McGinley Pavilion due to inclement weather.

Any alcohol consumed must be purchased on the premises.

The Garden trolley operates between the Glencoe Metra station and the Garden on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (Grapes & Hops evenings only), and Thursday evenings and weekends. \$2 per person roundtrip; children 5 and under and Garden members ride free.

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