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Illusion Outside. LIVE at Lyndale Gardens.
A Free Summer Series of Joyous Outdoor Performances
at the Amphitheater at Lyndale Gardens
in Richfield, Minnesota (6400 Lyndale Avenue South)

Illusion Theater once again presents Illusion Outside. Live at Lyndale Gardens. A Free Outdoor Summer Series on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in July and August held at the Lyndale Gardens Amphitheater in Richfield Minnesota, 6400 Lyndale Avenue South. This Series is generously sponsored by The Cornerstone Group.

Tree O'Halloran, Illusion Theater Associate Producer says, “Last year at the Amphitheater at Lyndale Gardens, our performances were welcomed by over 1,700 audience members. We are excited to bring some of the Twin Cities most sought after performers to entertain on the shores of the lake in Richfield.

Included in this year’s Wednesday nights at LIVE at Lyndale Gardens are T. Mychael Rambo, Aimee K. Bryant, Kevin Kling, Simone Perrin, Dan Chouinard, Bradley Greenwald, Prudence Johnson, Leslie and Allison Vincent and the return of the exuberant Afro-Caribbean music of Malamanya.

This year we are adding performances on Tuesday nights in August. A range of acts including Ring of Kerry, South Side Big Band, and History on a Schtick.
Bonnie Morris, Illusion’s Producing Director, tells us “Here in Minnesota, we are known for making the most out of our summers. Sitting in the Amphitheater with glorious skies as a backdrop, hearing songs, stories, and music performed live, and then when the great blue herons make their entrance—well, summer doesn’t get any better than this!”

Colleen Carey, president of The Cornerstone Group adds, “We built the Amphitheater at Lyndale Gardens purposefully to have a community gathering space. We are thrilled to have Illusion again program this Summer Series in our Lyndale Gardens Amphitheater.”

Illusion Outside
Live at Lyndale Gardens
Season Schedule
July 19 to August 30, 2023
Tuesday & Wednesday evenings

Wednesday, July 19 at 7:00pm
Judy, Joan & Joni - The music of Judy Collins, Joan Baez & Joni Mitchell
We all have soundtracks for moments in our lives, for many of us the music of Judy Collins, Joan Baez, and Joni Mitchell are that soundtrack.
Conceived and created by Roberta Carlson and Michael Robins this evening of songs from three of America’s favorite songsters sung by Molly Sue McDonald, Julia Isabel Diaz, and Falicia Nichole

Wednesday, July 26 at 7:00pm
Kevin Kling, Simone Perrin & Dan Chouinard
Stories and music to lighten your heart and soul.

Tuesday, August 1 at 7:00pm
Ring of Kerry
A bursting-with-energy Irish music group that captures the hearts of listeners.

Wednesday, August 2 at 7:00pm
In this Moment…Now
T. Mychael Rambo, Aimee K. Bryant, and Ryan Bynum celebrate works by Black and African-American artists from the Twin Cities and beyond.

Tuesday, August 8 at 7:00pm
West Side Big Band
Classic Big Band sounds of the 30’s, 40’s and more!
Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00pm
Far Away Places: Bradley Greenwald, Dan Chouinard, Prudence Johnson, and T. Mychael Rambo
Come wander the world with stories and songs. from these three musical friends and travelers.

Tuesday August 15 at 7:00pm
TBA

Wednesday August 16 at 7:00pm
TBA

Tuesday August 22 at 7:00pm
History on a Schtick & Honeywine
A show usually only seen at the State Fair, with appearances by Betty Crocker, Paul Bunyan, and The Dough Boy created by the Minnesota Historical Society.

Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00pm
Allison and Leslie Vincent
“Our Big Fat Eventual Wedding”
Allison and Leslie Vincent recount the rollercoaster of their engagement and planning a wedding in the time of COVID through music, storytelling, and comedy.

Wednesday, August 30 at 6:30pm (note earlier start)
Malamanya
The return of our favorite Afro-Caribbean Band, Music for your Dancing Soul

Dates and Performances Subject to Change

Click here for more information and photos. Please contact Jalspaugh@illusiontheater.org for additional media content.
All performances take place at the
Amphitheater at Lyndale Gardens
(behind Lakewinds Coop)
6400 Lyndale Avenue South
There is onsite and street parking available.
Free Admission. Seating is first come, first served. Bring a chair or sit in the
Amphitheater. In the event of severe weather, Wednesday performances will be re- scheduled to the following Thursday night. Updates will be posted on Illusion’s
Facebook and Instagram.
For information, please contact info@illusiontheater.org
Or call 612-339-4944
Illusion Theater

Illusion Theater was founded in 1974. Since the beginning, Producing Directors Michael Robins and Bonnie Morris have led Illusion Theater in illuminating the illusions, myths, and realities of our times and in using the power of theater to catalyze personal and social change. Tree O'Halloran joined Illusion in 2022 as Associate Producer. Illusion has generated over 500 plays, developed thousands of artists, and created ground-breaking educational works. Plays developed at Illusion have been produced in theaters throughout the world. Illusion’s work has catalyzed conversations in living rooms, kitchens, coffee houses, and boardrooms, and has led to transformations in policy, in organizations, in students, and in individuals. Illusion now produces in its new home, the Center for Performing Arts on 38th and Pleasant in South Minneapolis.

The Cornerstone Group

The Cornerstone Group is a mission driven, values led real estate company. The Cornerstone Group is committed to creating and cultivating thriving places that contribute to the well-being of people and our planet. The Cornerstone Group began work on the Lyndale Gardens project over ten years ago. It is a collaboration with the City of Richfield to revitalize the eastern shoreline of Richfield Lake. It includes the Lakewind Coop, Condominiums, Apartments, and Townhomes.