Chicago is one of the best cities in the world for jazz. These neighborhood concerts give you a sample of the fantastic live jazz music happening across the city throughout the year. With support from the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, the Chicago Jazz Festival Neighborhood Concerts are hosted by the city's dynamic music organizations and venues. All events offer free admission.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERTS AUG. 23–31

Tuesday, August 23, 7-8:30pm
Produced by: The South Side Jazz Coalition
Compassion Baptist Church at 2650 East 95th Street
A celebration Louis Armstrong’s 100th Year stay in Chicago, a stay that Mr. Armstrong said launched his international career. The SSJC will present an inter-generational band, featuring young and elder trumpet players performing selections from Mr. Armstrong's songbook backed by a rhythm section comprised of Chicago Jazz musicians.

Friday, August 26, 6-10pm
Produced by The Quarry Event Center at 2423 E. 75th
A musical performance dedicated to the history of 75th Street Jazz. Live performance by Tony Carpenter and his band TOCA. Speakers include Rudy Jackson, Blues and Jazz Historians will show slides and videos on a large screen of past shows and musical events.

Friday, August 26, Saturday, August 27 & Sunday, August 28
The Hungry Brain, at 2319 W. Belmont Ave.
Day-long series of events featuring multiple artists at multiple locations including Constellation, Links Hall & The Hungry Brain. The events strive to make a walkable art experience in one of Chicago’s northwest side neighborhoods.

Friday, August 26 & Saturday, August 27
Produced by Constellation at 3111 N. Western Ave.
Day-long series of events featuring multiple artists at multiple locations including Constellation, Links Hall & The Hungry Brain. The events strive to make a walkable art experience in one of Chicago’s northwest side neighborhoods.

Saturday, August 27, 12-2pm
Produced by 51st Street Business Association, 51st and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
The Brown Derby Jazz Revue at The Bronzeville Jazz/Music Festival (Host: Maggie Brown – Performing: June Yvon Theophilus Reed, Vince Willis, Dexter Sims, Phil Perkins, Diane Gallaway and more...)

Sunday, August 28, 6pm – Doors, 7pm – Show
Produced by Sleeping Village, 3734 W. Belmont Ave.
A concert at Sleeping Village featuring two acts performing live jazz and a DJ spinning jazz records between acts.

Monday, August 29, 6pm
Produced by The Birdhouse Inc., Fred Anderson Park, 1611 S. Wabash Ave.
Bird and Bowden: It’s All New Music! Playing original compositions and the music of Charlie Parker and Fred Anderson on Bird’s birthday! Mwata Bowden, reeds; Leon Allen, trumpet; Ari Brown, tenor sax; Yosef Ben Israel, bass; Dushun Mosley, drums; and Discopoet.

Monday, August 29, 5-7:30pm
Nu Jazz Pop Up Festival, Produced by Live the Spirit Residency, 832 W. 63rd Street, Whole Foods Parking Lot
Performers: Dee Alexander, Sam Trump, and Shanta Nurrallah. This performance will feature three ensembles from the south side and showcase artists with close connections to Live the Spirit Residency programs.

Tuesday, August 30, 5:30-8:30pm
Tuesdays on the Terrace, Produced by the Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave.
Performer: Junius Paul

Tuesday, August 30 & Wednesday, August 31, 8pm
Anagram Festival, Produced by Elastic Arts Foundation, Elastic Arts, 3429 W. Diversey Ave., 2nd Floor
This festival will feature two ensembles led by Chris Madsen, Dennis Carroll, Lenard Simpson, and Katie Ernst respectively.

Wednesday, August 31, 6pm – Doors, 8pm – Show Produced by The Whistler, 2421 N. Milwaukee Ave.
A concert at The Whistler featuring two sets of live jazz. Performance by Jeremy Cunningham and Mike Gamble and more...
CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER AND MILLENNIUM PARK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Claudia Cassidy Theater at Chicago Cultural Center
11:00am-12:00pm Young Masters Quartet
12:15-1:15pm TOYOAKI Jazz Ensemble
1:45-2:45pm David Scott Quartet
3:15-5:15pm What Is This Thing Called Jazz? Screening of rarely seen film Satchmo The Great. Q&A after film, featuring Grammy™ Award winner Ricky Ricardi

Preston Bradley Hall at Chicago Cultural Center
11am-12pm Andrew Lawrence Sextet performing Keith Jarret’s TREASURE ISLAND
12:30-1:30pm Nick Ruiz
2:00-3:00pm The Mai Sugimoto Quartet
3:30-4:30pm Marlene Rosenberg Quartet

Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park
6:30-7:30pm Mike Allemana Vonology
8:00-9:00pm Henry Threadgill Zooid

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
Millennium Park
Harris Theater Rooftop Terrace
12:00-1:00pm Roya Naldi
1:30-2:30pm Lenard Simpson
3:00-4:00pm Low Down Brass Band

Von Freeman Pavilion
11:30-12:25pm Regina Harris Baiocchi (JIC New Work Fresh Voices)
12:40-1:35pm Arman Sangalang Quartet
1:50-2:45pm Russ Johnson
3:00-4:00pm Adam O’Farrill’s Stranger Days

Jay Pritzker Pavilion
4:15-5:05pm Ethan Phlion-Mingus Tribute (New Works/Fresh Voices)
5:25-6:10pm JD Allen
6:25-7:25pm Jazzmeia Horn
7:45-9:00pm Bill Frisell

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
Millennium Park Harris Theater
Rooftop Terrace: Young Lions Stage
12:00-12:55pm Jones
12:50-1:25pm Lincoln Park
1:40-2:15pm Kenwood Academy
2:30-3:05pm Whitney Young
3:20-3:55pm ChiArts

Von Freeman Pavilion
11:30-12:25pm Christy Bennett
12:40-1:35pm Marques Carroll Quintet
1:50-2:45pm Aurora Nealand & the Royal Roses
3:00-4:00pm Atomic

Jay Pritzker Pavilion
4:15-5:05pm Greg Ward
5:25-6:10pm Miguel Zenon
6:25-7:25pm Carmen Lundy
7:45-9:00pm William Parker Quintet

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Millennium Park
Harris Theater Rooftop Terrace
12:00-1:00pm Julius Tucker Quartet
1:30-2:30pm Gustavo Cortiñas
3:00-4:00pm Denise Thimes

Von Freeman Pavilion
11:30-12:25pm Isaiah Collier (JIC New Works, Fresh Voices)
12:40-1:35pm Abigail Riccords with Joel Frahm
1:50-2:45pm Geof Bradfield/Ben Goldberg/Dana Hall
3:00 - 4:00pm: Immanuel Wilkins Quartet

Jay Pritzker Pavilion
4:15-5:05pm Linda May Han Oh
5:25-6:10pm Nick Mazzarella
6:25-7:25pm Kris Davis
7:45-9:00pm Donald Harrison