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jhurwitz@cityofchicago.org**AUDIO PICNIC SERVES-UP SONIC ENTERTAINMENT AT MILLENNIUM PARK****New Summertime Series Begins June 9<sup>th</sup> at Millennium Park's Pritzker Pavilion**

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Millennium Park present **Audio Picnic**, a special series that will take place on select Mondays from June 9 – August 18. Guests are invited to lounge on the Great Lawn of Millennium Park's beautiful Jay Pritzker Pavilion to soak up sounds from a one-of-a-kind sound system and to bring along a picnic, games and friends to play, stretch, chat, eat and drink.

Electronic music artists, local record label heads, music historians and critics, expert DJs, hip hop impresarios, and surprise guests will provide the sonic backdrop from 6 - 9 pm on designated Mondays from the Pritzker Pavilion's sound booth. The complete June schedule is below. Other upcoming dates include: July 7, August 4, August 11 and August 18.

**Audio Picnic Complete June Schedule:**Monday, June 9**Electronica @ Dusk**

Featuring Telefon Tel Aviv, Kate Simko, Miles Tilmann

Ambient sounds, downtempo, and minimal techno provide the backdrop for early evening relaxation with some of the brightest electronic musicians in the world, who are based in Chicago. Formed in 1999 by Charles Cooper and Joshua Eustis, **Telefon Tel Aviv** is a Chicago-based electronic-music group known for its work on Hefty Records and remixes of anyone from Bebel Gilberto to Nine Inch Nails. Drawing inspiration from the diverse influences of the rave music of the early 90s, industrial, even classic rock, **Miles Tilmann** composes his music by utilizing instruments including keyboards, computers, record players & tape machines. Riding the buzz of recent rave reviews and international acclaim, **Kate Simko** is an electronic music producer whose music has roots in Chicago house and Detroit techno.

Monday, June 16**Bossa Beats and Beyond**

Featuring Peter Margasak and Damon Locks

One of Chicago's most knowledgeable authorities of Brazilian and even international music is the Chicago Reader's music critic, **Peter Margasak**. Margasak with the help of The Eternals band member, **Damon Locks**, who is quite the international record collector in his own right, bring the sounds of Brazil's and South America's past and present to the Great Lawn for an audio vacation down south.

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Monday, June 23

**History of Chicago Music Lesson**

Featuring Tim Samuelson and Rob Seiver

Get schooled. Join **City of Chicago** historian **Tim Samuelson** and **Rob Seiver** from the **Número Group** record label as they program a survey of music born and bred in Chicago, from early roadhouse blues and ragtime to late 60's and 70's rock and soul. Know your roots!

Millennium Park is an award-winning center for art, music, architecture and landscape design. The result of a unique partnership between the City of Chicago and the philanthropic community, the 24.5-acre park features the work of world-renowned architects, planners, artists and designers. Among Millennium Park's prominent features are the Frank Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States; the interactive Crown Fountain by Jaume Plensa; the contemporary Lurie Garden designed by the team of Gustafson Guthrie Nichol, Piet Oudolf and Robert Israel; and Anish Kapoor's hugely popular Cloud Gate sculpture. Since its opening in July 2004, Millennium Park has more than 12 million of people, making it one of the most popular destinations in Chicago.

For more information about **Millennium Park**, call 312.742.1168 or visit [www.millenniumpark.org](http://www.millenniumpark.org).

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