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MILLENNIUM PARK AT NOON

Free Concerts Plus Open Rehearsals of the Grant Park Music Festival At the Jay Pritzker Pavilion June 1—September 30, 2009

Spend your lunch break in Chicago's Millennium Park where you will find concerts and special programs on the stage of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion at noon all summer long. From June 1 through September 30, Millennium Park will offer free concerts in jazz, world music, indie-rock, hip hop and electronica, along with family programs and open rehearsals of the acclaimed Grant Park Music Festival.

"For five years, Chicagoans and visitors have come to the Park for our stellar line-up of evening concerts. This summer, there will be a full complement of programs at noon," said Lois Weisberg, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs. "We hope that after a lunchtime concert, visitors can stroll and explore other parts of the Park."

Highlights of the noon time summer season in Millennium Park include Edible Audible Picnic, a new series featuring cutting-edge rock bands, sound artists, audio documentaries and electronic musicians on Monday afternoons. The Grant Park Music Festival, celebrating its 75th season this summer, continues its popular open rehearsals four days a week, making Millennium Park a lunchtime destination for Chicagoans and visitors alike.

Additional programming at noon includes the Wiggleworms instructors from the Old Town School of Music on Sundays, leading young children in sing-alongs and group dancing. Bands that currently perform in Millennium Park's Family Fun Festival, at the Chicago Cultural Center and at the World Music Festival will take to the Jay Pritzker Pavilion stage for a mix of live music and interactive performance on certain days at 12:00. Rounding out the summer season will be some of Chicago's leading youth music programs bringing their best and brightest to the Pritzker stage, including performers from After School Matters and the Jazz Institute of Chicago's Jazz Links Educational Program.

For more information about all of the noon events in Millennium Park, visit www.millenniumpark.org or call 312.742.1168. Get daily programming alerts by following [Twitter.com/ExploreChicago](https://twitter.com/ExploreChicago). Millennium Park can also be found on Facebook.

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Millennium Park is located in the heart of downtown Chicago. It is bordered by Michigan Ave. to the west, Columbus Dr. to the east, Randolph St. to the north and Monroe St. to the south. Convenient parking is located in the Millennium Park Garage (entrance on Columbus at Monroe or Randolph) and at the Grant Park North and East Monroe Garages, all located within a short walking distance of Millennium Park.

Millennium Park, managed and programmed by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, 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 welcomed more than 16 million people, making it one of the most popular destinations in Chicago.

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NOON AT THE JAY PRITZKER PAVILION IN MILLENNIUM PARK (JUNE)

Monday, June 1	Joel Paterson and the Modern Sounds
Tuesday, June 2	Lawrence Peters Outfit
Wednesday, June 3	Dedé Sampaio Brazilian Duo
Thursday, June 4	El Payo
Friday, June 5	25 th Annual Chicago Gospel Music Festival
Saturday, June 6	25 th Annual Chicago Gospel Music Festival
Sunday, June 7	25 th Annual Chicago Gospel Music Festival
Monday, June 8	The Space/Movement Project
Tuesday, June 9	Grant Park Music Festival Open Rehearsal
Wednesday, June 10	Grant Park Music Festival Open Rehearsal
Thursday, June 11	Grant Park Music Festival Open Rehearsal
Friday, June 12	Grant Park Music Festival Open Rehearsal
Saturday, June 13	Prospects
Sunday, June 14	Lisa DeRosia
Monday, June 15	Pit Er Pat
Tuesday, June 16	Grant Park Music Festival Open Rehearsal
Wednesday, June 17	Grant Park Music Festival Open Rehearsal
Thursday, June 18	Grant Park Music Festival Open Rehearsal
Friday, June 19	Grant Park Music Festival Open Rehearsal
Saturday, June 20	Prospects
Sunday, June 21	Laura Doherty
Monday, June 22	Soul/Funk Record Party
Tuesday, June 23	Grant Park Music Festival Open Rehearsal
Wednesday, June 24	Grant Park Music Festival Open Rehearsal
Thursday, June 25:	Stolie
Friday, June 26:	Lawrence Peters Outfit
Saturday, June 27:	Sonoi
Sunday, June 28	Rose Nadolsky
Monday, June 29	Black Moth Super Rainbow
Tuesday, June 30	Grant Park Music Festival Open Rehearsal

July, August and September Dates at Noon to follow.