



Swing Gitan



Tortoise



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## Tortoise 2.0

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 6:30 PM

Tortoise kicks off the series with a world premiere, concert-length commission featuring Dan Bitney, John Herndon, Douglas McCombs, John McEntire and Jeff Parker collaborating with Ed Wilkerson, Greg Ward, Nicole Mitchell, Jim Baker and Fred Lonberg-Holm. Unique in the world of contemporary music, the group is known for its boundless intellectual curiosity, and unmistakable compositional voice.

## A Woman Beyond Time: Mary Lou Williams at 100 featuring Bethany Pickens and Amina Claudine Myers

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 6:30 PM

Bethany Pickens leads an all star band in a retrospective to honor jazz innovator, composer and pianist Mary Lou Williams, who arranged for Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington and Earl Hines, and mentored Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker and Thelonius Monk, among others. Amina Claudine Myers' special commission salutes Williams, in honor of the jazz pioneer's hundredth birthday.

## Toumani Diabaté and The Chicago Transilience Ensemble

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 6:30 PM

Internationally acclaimed Malian kora master Toumani Diabaté, continues his collaboration with Chicago's jazz community in a concert of original and newly commissioned material. Toumani Diabaté joins the Chicago Transilience Ensemble led by Jeb Bishop and Josh Berman with Hamid Drake, Josh Abrams, Jeff Parker, Jason Adasiewicz, Nicole Mitchell and Nate Lepine for an evening of cross-cultural fertilization, improvisation and expanded musical frontiers.

## Django: A Celebration featuring Alfonso Ponticelli and Swing Gitan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 6:30 PM

Belgian-born Gypsy jazz guitarist, Jean "Django" Reinhardt revolutionized the way people think about the guitar and helped pioneer a hybrid form of jazz, known for its hot grooves. To mark his centennial birthday, Alfonso Ponticelli along with guests Ensemble Zaiti from France and Stephane Wrembel and Arturo Martinez from New York join Swing Gitan to tell Django's musical story and remind us why his style and sound reverberate throughout the jazz world today.



Toumani Diabaté

ALL PERFORMANCES AT THE Jay Pritzker Pavilion



James Sanders

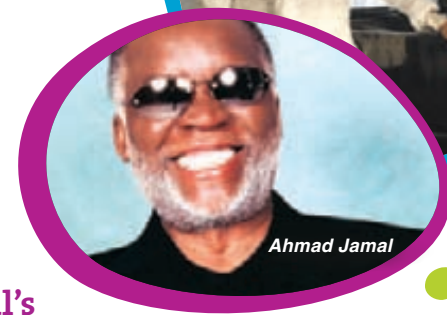
## Latin Inferno: James Sanders Conjunto with Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre, Papo Santiago and Fred Anderson

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 6:30 PM

Steeped in the Afro-Cuban musical tradition, violinist James Sanders can be seen and heard across Chicago from symphonies to Latin clubs and everywhere in between. Tonight, his Latin Jazz band, Conjunto, welcomes members of Cerqua Rivera Dance Company, Santiago and special guest saxophonist Fred Anderson.



Bethany Pickens



Ahmad Jamal

## Big Band Birthday Bash: Ahmad Jamal's 80th with the Chicago Jazz Orchestra

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 7:30 PM

What better place to feature a pioneer of musical rhythm and space than in Millennium Park's Jay Pritzker Pavilion? A seminal pianist with strong Chicago ties; Ahmad Jamal's impact on jazz spans a good portion of his eighty years. Jeff Lindberg's Chicago Jazz Orchestra renews its engagement with Jamal and his trio for a big band birthday bash in the Park.

## Catch the Next Generation of Jazz

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