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ABOUT THE CHICAGO BAND ROSTER

In support of Chicago's music industry, Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) have designated 2020 and 2021 as the "Year of Chicago Music" to highlight the City's music legacy, expand audience for music and strengthen Chicago's creative and cultural landscape with a focus on the south and west sides of the City.

In honor of the Year of Chicago Music, DCASE presents the Chicago Band Roster, a selection of over 200 singers, songwriters, DJs, solo artists and ensemble musicians based in Chicago performing a variety of music styles including Blues, House, Hip-Hop, Rock, Jazz, Gospel, Classical and more. Artists on the Chicago Band Roster were selected by a panel of music industry professionals based on artistic excellence, work samples and performance history at private and public events.

The Chicago Band Roster can be used as resource for residents, producers, venues and organizations looking to present high-quality music programs. The goal of this resource guide is to increase meaningful performance opportunities for Chicago-based musicians.

To thrive post-pandemic, the City of Chicago will leverage the power of its arts and culture sectors to rebuild and heal neighborhoods by expanding access, employing creatives and increasing direct support through the Arts 77: Arts Recovery Plan. As part of Arts 77, DCASE will launch Chicago Presents, a new funding program to support cultural presenters in their delivery of safe neighborhood programs that comply with public health guidelines in Chicago neighborhoods July-October 2021.

Emerging and established cultural presenters with a minimum two-year presenting history are invited to submit proposals for free, live, in-person performance programs spanning all genres and styles of music, dance and theatre that activate Chicago's streets, plazas and parks.

Presenters can also select up to three solo musicians and/or bands from the Chicago Band Roster to play at the proposed program. It will be the responsibility of the presenter to communicate and negotiate event and production details with the artist. DCASE will cover payment of artistic fees based on pre-established rates. Once details are confirmed by the artist and presenter, DCASE will pay Chicago Band Roster musicians directly. For additional information about the Chicago Presents program application and May and June 2021 deadlines visit chicago.gov/music.

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BLUES

Melody Angel

Genre: Blues
Web: melodyangelmusic.com
Contact: bookingmelodyangel@gmail.com

About
Melody Angel is a blues/rock artist from the Southside of Chicago. She is a self-taught guitarist and singer/songwriter, heavily influenced by Jimi Hendrix, Prince and Tina Turner.

Other genres: R&B/Soul | Rock

The Blue Coast Band

Genre: Blues
Web: harlanterson.com/the-blue-coast-band.shtml
Contact: bluesperson@harlanterson.com

The Blue Coast Band's stamp on the music is an honest interpretation of the blues. Members of The Blue Coast Band have worked with many of Chicago's greatest blues artists, going back to the vibrant Chicago Blues scene of the 1970's.

Mike Dangeroux

Genre: Blues
Web: mikedangeroux.com
Contact: mikedangeroux@comcast.net

Mike Dangeroux, a Chicago native, graduated from the Berklee College of Music. He and his bands perform a range of musical styles, including blues, rock and reggae, and has a repertoire of over 500 classics, contemporary hits and original songs.

Other genres: Rock | World/Traditional

BLUES

David and the Frozen Ground Band

Genre: Blues
Web: frozengroundbluesband.com
Contact: frozengroundbluesband@gmail.com

David Kachalon and the Frozen Ground Band are a six-piece blues band with harmonica, keyboards, guitars, bass and drums. They play covers and originals with a wake up beat.

Other genres: R&B/Soul | Rock

Katherine Davis & Friends

Genre: Blues
Web: bluessingerkatherinedavis.com
Contact: matessoul@aol.com

Katherine Davis is a blues vocalist, songwriter, actress, recording artist and Blues-In-The-Schools educator.

Other genres: Gospel | Jazz

Corey Dennison Band

Genre: Blues
Web: coreydennisonband.com
Contact: coreydennisonband@gmail.com

The Corey Dennison Band performs original and classic Chicago Blues and soul with a Memphis twang.

Other genres: Rock

BLUES

Joe Filisko and Eric Noden

Genre: Blues
Web: rootsduo.com
Contact: booking@ericnoden.com

Joe Filisko and Eric Noden have been performing and recording music for well over a decade. Their original blues songs, train imitations and harmony singing are reminiscent of the 1920's and 30's when acoustic music was prevalent.

Greasy Gravy

Genre: Blues
Web: bluethumbmusic.com
Contact: matt.j.hendricks@gmail.com

Matt Hendricks, leader of Greasy Gravy, performs blues with gritty, heartfelt singing, old school guitar playing and original songs. He plays a variety of stringed instruments along with a foot drum.

Other genres: Country/Americana/Folk | World/Traditional

Harmonica Hinds

Genre: Blues
Web: harmonicahinds.com
Contact: mervyn7821@comcast.net

Harmonica Hinds, a regular at Buddy Guy's Legends, is a blues musician who performs solo, as a duo or trio, and even with a full band.

BLUES

Gerry Hundt's Legendary One-Man-Band

Genre: Blues
Web: gerryhundt.com
Contact: gerald.hundt@gmail.com

If you heard Gerry Hundt's Legendary One-Man-Band without seeing it, you'd think you were listening to either an acoustic ragtime group or an electric blues trio. In fact, it's Gerry playing all instruments simultaneously.

Other genres: Country/Americana/Folk

Fernando Jones

Genre: Blues
Web: fernandojones.com
Contact: bluesnewz@aol.com

A Chicago Blues Hall of Fame inductee and Keeping the Blues Alive Award recipient, Fernando Jones is an internationally traveling musician and educator who performs all original material. He is the founding Blues Ensemble director and youth-focused Blues Camp International director at Columbia College Chicago where he is on faculty in the Music Department.

Lynne Jordan

Genre: Blues
Web: lynnejordan.com
Contact: lynne@lynnejordan.com

Lynne Jordan is a singer, solo performer, storyteller, actor and bandleader in Chicago, with broad experience, from clubs to festivals, from private events to international bookings.

Other genres: Jazz | Pop | R&B/Soul

BLUES

Low-reen & the Maxwell St Market Blues Band

Genre: Blues
Web: lowreensliveblues.com
Contact: blackcatbones@sbcglobal.net

Low-reen & the Maxwell St Market Blues Band met and formed while performing at the Maxwell St Market in 2010. They play 100+ shows per year all over Chicagoland and beyond.

Other genres: R&B/Soul

The Original Chicago Blues All-Stars

Genre: Blues
Web: facebook.com/the-original-chicago-blues-all-stars-182996028785337
Contact: jimmy.tillman@yahoo.com

The Original Chicago Blues All-Stars is comprised of veteran musicians associated with legendary Chicago Blues artist Willie Dixon, and has added young players to bring their traditional blues sounds to the 21st century.

Other genres: R&B/Soul

Sanctified Grumblers

Genre: Blues
Web: sanctifiedgrumblers.com
Contact: booking@sanctifiedgrumblers.com

Sanctified Grumblers writes and performs acoustic music in the vein of the old blues, jug band and old timey traditions. Instrumentation includes: washboard, guitar, banjo, foot drum, clarinet, harmonica and either upright bass or sousaphone.

BLUES

Larry Taylor

Genre: Blues
Web: larrytaylorchicagoblues.com
Contact: larry@larrytaylorchicagoblues.com

Larry Taylor is a blues and soul band leader, singer and drummer from Chicago's West Side, playing music to bring people together with rhythms and melodies that came from the American South and grew up on Chicago streets.

Other genres: R&B/Soul

Donna Herula & Harlan Terson Duo

Genre: Blues
Web: donnaherula.com; harlanterson.com
Contact: belladonnablues@yahoo.com

Donna Herula and Harlan Terson are a seasoned Chicago-based blues duo that regularly perform at Buddy Guy's Legends, Smoke Daddy BBQ and other venues. Their style includes traditional Chicago and Delta Blues.

Tijuana Hercules

Genre: Blues
Web: tijuanahercules.com
Contact: tijuanahercules@gmail.com

Tijuana Hercules is a blues-tinged band that takes traditional folk-based music and gives it futuristic flourishes.

Other genres: Rock | World/Traditional

BLUES

The Smiley Tillmon Band

Genre: Blues
Web: smileytillmonband.com
Contact: trezetko100@hotmail.com

The Smiley Tillmon Band serves up the blues and soul standards. Led by veteran guitarist Smiley Tillmon, the combo includes George Baumann on drums, Kate Moss sharing guitar duties with Tillmon and Tom Rezetko on bass.

Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues

Genre: Blues
Web: chamberblues.com
Contact: cork@chamberblues.com

Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues has more than a quarter century of experience bringing blues and classical music together for audiences, obliterating musical categorization in the process.

Other genres: Classical

Morry Sochat & The Special 20s

Genre: Blues
Web: special20s.com
Contact: thespecial20s@gmail.com

Morry Sochat & The Special 20's mix classic Chicago Blues with swing and rock n' roll from the 1950's. They are a popular dance band in Chicago, influenced by the best in blues history – Muddy Waters, Little Walter, Louis Jordan, Junior Wells and all of the Chicago greats.

Other genres: Jazz | R&B/Soul

BLUES

Dave Weld and The Imperial Flames

Genre: Blues
Web: daveweld.com
Contact: dv_weld@yahoo.com

Dave Weld and The Imperial Flames play original houserockin' blues, boogie and soul with high energy, versatility and variety. Dave Weld has been playing the blues in Chicago since 1975 and has recorded for Alligator Records, Earwig and Delmark.

Other genres: R&B/Soul

Floyd Wilson

Genre: Blues
Social: facebook.com/floydwilsonblues
Contact: fwilson.blues@gmail.com

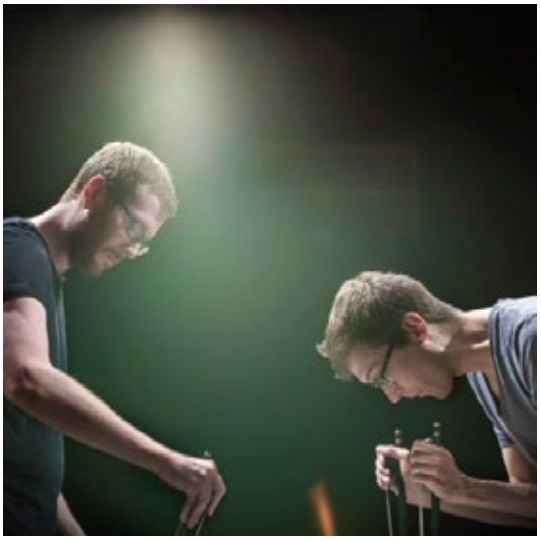
Floyd Wilson is a guitarist and songwriter who has performed for more than 45 years in Chicago, around the US and internationally. A regular performer at Rosa's Lounge, his music has aspects of blues, soul, rock, jazz and gospel.

CLASSICAL

5th Wave Collective

Genre: Classical
Web: 5thwavecollective.com
Contact: 5thwavecollective@gmail.com

5th Wave Collective is a classical music ensemble dedicated to the performance and promotion of music by womxn composers. 5th Wave Collective celebrates the legacy of womxn composers and creates a platform for those to come.



Beyond This Point

Genre: Classical
Web: beyondthispoint.org
Contact: btpensemble@gmail.com

Beyond This Point is a percussion-based collaborative ensemble presenting accessible music programs that intersect with other practices, including theater, sculpture, social justice and environmentalism.

Bow & Hammer

Genre: Classical
Web: bowandhammer.com
Contact: info@bowandhammer.com

Bow & Hammer refers to the violin and piano comprising this duo, formed by friends Kathryn Satoh and Elizabeth Newkirk, respectively. They use both modern and traditional repertoire to craft well-balanced chamber music programs that connoisseurs and newcomers alike can enjoy.

CLASSICAL

Shi-An Costello

Genre: Classical
Web: shiancostello.com
Contact: coshian123@gmail.com

Shi-An Costello is a pianist and composer whose repertoire includes classical and jazz/pop arrangements for solo piano.

Other genres: Jazz | Pop

Crossing Borders Music

Genre: Classical
Web: crossingbordersmusic.org
Contact: info@crossingbordersmusic.org

Founded in 2011, Crossing Borders Music has become a leading interpreter of chamber music by composers from under-represented cultures including Cambodia, the Chickasaw Nation, Colombia, Egypt, Haiti, India, Iran, Syria and Uganda.

Other genres: World/Traditional

Ensemble Eclectica

Genre: Classical
Web: facebook.com/ensembleeclectica
Contact: robbins.megan@gmail.com

Ensemble Eclectica uniquely combines the bass, guitar and oboe to bridge the gap between classical music and other genres. They aim to bring live performances to audiences who otherwise would have limited access to such events.

Other genres: Jazz | Pop | World/Traditional

CLASSICAL

KAIA String Quartet

Genre: Classical
Web: kaiastringquartet.com
Contact: listen.kaia@kaiastringquartet.com

From the tango of the Rio de la Plata to the string quartets of Silvestre Revueltas, the KAIA String Quartet is an ensemble devoted to promoting the rich and colorful music of Latin America.

Other genres: World/Traditional

Kontras Quartet

Genre: Classical
Web: kontrasquartet.com
Contact: ben@kontrasquartet.com

Kontras Quartet is a string quartet committed to building relationships between their music and audiences. They play repertoire spanning the history of the string quartet, including new and contemporary compositions, with special emphasis on folk influences.

Joel Styzens

Genre: Classical
Web: relaxyourears.com
Contact: joel@relax-your-ears.com

Award-winning multi-instrumentalist, composer and recording artist Joel Styzens has performed nationally and internationally as a soloist and in a vast array of ensembles for over 23 years. Styzens is focused on creating new classical music for piano and strings.

Other genres: Jazz | World/Traditional

COUNTRY/AMERICANA/FOLK

Black Friars Social Club

Genre: Country/Americana/Folk
Web: facebook.com/blackfriarssocialclub
Contact: blackfriarssocialclub@gmail.com

Black Friars Social Club's deconstructed songs are developed and dark, illustrating twisted tales from the shadows while tugging at your heart.

Other genres: Blues | Rock

Eiren Caffall

Genre: Country/Americana/Folk
Web: eirencaffall.com
Contact: eirencaffall@gmail.com

Writer and musician Eiren Caffall plays lap steel guitar, has recorded four records of original folk/rock music and publishes essays nationally and internationally. Her songs and essays engage topics such as loss, nature, glaciers, extinction and more.

Josh Chicoine

Genre: Country/Americana/Folk
Web: facebook.com/joshchicomusic
Contact: limited@theminimalbeat.com

Guitarist and singer-songwriter Josh Chicoine, former member of the M's and Cloudbirds, has been performing and producing music in Chicago since 1995. His EP *Dream Believers* was released October 2019.

Other genres: Rock

COUNTRY/AMERICANA/FOLK

Congress of Starlings

Genre: Country/Americana/Folk
Web: congressofstarlings.com
Contact: congressofstarlings@gmail.com

As an acoustic duo or a full band, Congress of Starlings' modern folk music is a blend of harmonies, melodies and unusual meters with lyrics that explore people's connection to the natural world and each other. The Starlings have performed at The Old Town School of Folk Music, SPACE, Schubas and Martyrs' as well as national and local festival stages.

Other genres: Pop

Wright Gatewood

Genre: Country/Americana/Folk
Web: wrightgatewoodmusic.com
Contact: wogatewood@gmail.com

A 2019 Merlefest Songwriting Competition finalist, Wright Gatewood strives to pick heart strings as he weaves the ideals of helpless wanderers and rapscallions of yesteryear with dreamers of tomorrow.

Other genres: Pop

Jonas Friddle

Genre: Country/Americana/Folk
Web: jonasfriddle.com
Contact: jonas@jonasfriddle.com

Jonas Friddle is a singer, songwriter and old-time banjo player whose songs have received The John Lennon Songwriting Award, first place in the Great American Song Contest and a nomination for Album of the Year (Independent Music Awards). Drawing from barn dance, blues, bluegrass and country, his approach to Americana music features banjo, fiddle, guitar, bass and horns.

Other genres: World/Traditional

COUNTRY/AMERICANA/FOLK

Minor Moon

Genre: Country/Americana/Folk
Web: minormoon.com
Contact: minormoonmusic@gmail.com

Minor Moon arranges music using a diverse sound palette, including folk, alt-country, indie-rock, psychedelic and more. They released their first album in 2015 and have followed up with additional releases, including 2019's *An Opening*. Led by bandleader Sam Cantor, they perform in Chicago and have toured to more than 30 cities in the US.

Other genres: Rock

Liz Toussaint

Genre: Country/Americana/Folk
Web: liztoussaint.com
Contact: eliztoussaint@yahoo.com

Liz Toussaint is a singer/songwriter of country and Americana music. As a performer she displays an array of her genre influences, mixing house music with country, and soul with Americana. She is truly a performer for a diverse music loving crowd.

Other genres: House | Pop

Tyranny of Dave

Genre: Country/Americana/Folk
Web: tyrannyofdave.com
Contact: tyrannyofdave@gmail.com

Tyranny of Dave is the solo project of Dave Wechsler, formerly of Brooklyn's Piñataland. Now based in Chicago, Tyranny of Dave's expansive view of Americana unearths songs from the past and chronicles present-day stories.

Other genres: Pop | Rock

COUNTRY/AMERICANA/FOLK

Albion West

Genre: Country/Americana/Folk
Web: albionwest.com
Contact: kacie@albionwest.com

With an emphasis on lyricism and storytelling, Albion West is an artist collective that writes alternative folk music while pulling from jazz, roots and classical influences. Performances range from solo bills to a seven-piece ensemble depending on venue and opportunity.

Other genres: Jazz

Wild Earp & The Free for Alls

Genre: Country/Americana/Folk
Web: wildearp.com
Contact: booking@wildearp.com

Wild Earp & The Free for Alls explore the American mythos through the lens of Roots music: golden age country western, rockabilly, cowboy songs, southern folk and early rock and roll. The result is well-crafted lyricism, curated imagery and an energetic live show.

GOSPEL/SPIRITUAL

Freedom Song Leaders

Genre: Gospel/Spiritual
Web: shantastoryteller.com/freedom-song-leaders
Contact: shantastoryteller@yahoo.com

Freedom Song Leaders is a group of singers and musicians who celebrate communal singing. Drawing from the canon of African-American spirituals and freedom songs, the group appeals to audiences of all ages.

Other genres: Blues | World/Traditional

Dave Martin & GSM

Genre: Gospel/Spiritual
Web: glorysongministries.net
Contact: booking@glorysongministries.net

Glory Song Ministries was formed on Chicago's Southside by songwriter and musician Dave Martin. The 3-time Rhythm of Gospel & EDDY Award nominee recording ensemble consists of youthful artists who've committed their lives to "Giving God Glory".

HIP HOP

Chicago Loud 9

Genre: Hip Hop
Web: chicagoloud9.com
Contact: thechicagoloud9@gmail.com

Chicago Loud 9 is a hip hop/funk/fusion/pop party band that creates diverse musical gumbo and delivers eclectic, energetic performances. Genres are mashed together for a forward-thinking sound that also bridges cultures gaps with our fans.

Other genres: Jazz | Pop | R&B/Soul

King Drive

Genre: Hip Hop
Web: kingdrivemusic.com
Contact: madeinchicago44@yahoo.com

King Drive is a duo featuring Englewood natives and brothers Rob Smooth and JD.

King Melik

Genre: Hip Hop
Web: facebook.com/thekingmelik
Contact: kingmelikmgmt@gmail.com

King Melik is a classically trained musician. Whether it's playing violin, performing with his band or rapping/singing to a crowd, his performances highlight the range of his experience.

Other genres: Pop | R&B/Soul | Rock

HIP HOP

Jovan Landry

Genre: Hip Hop
Web: jovanlandry.com/onethirdemcee
Contact: info@jovanlandry.com

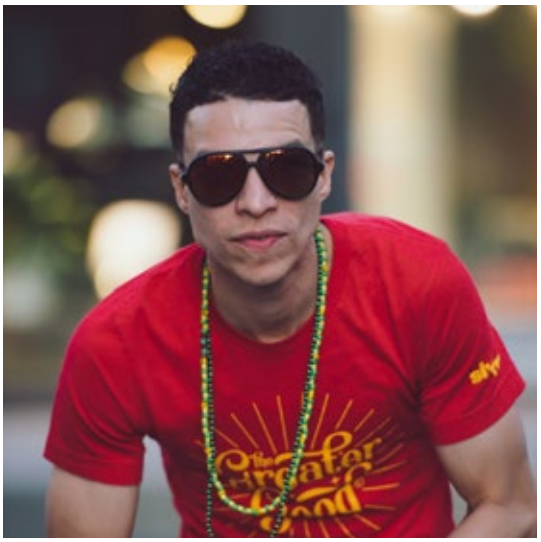
Jovan Landry, the "1/3 Emcee," is known for her articulate lyrics and energetic stage presence. She's released 5 albums, taught music workshops and performed nationally & internationally both solo and with her live band.

Other genres: Pop | R&B/Soul

LowDown Brass Band

Genre: Hip Hop
Web: lowdownbrassband.com
Contact: lowdownbrassband@gmail.com

The LowDown Brass Band is an all horn ensemble that leans heavily on dancehall and street beat rhythm with the energy of conscious hip hop, jazz, reggae and soul.



DJ Machede

Genre: Hip Hop
Web: soundcloud.com/user-196217700/tracks
Contact: makinde.adedapo@gmail.com

DJ Machede specializes in live mixing and blending with a variety of DJ equipment, utilizing creative techniques and uninterrupted mixes of multiple genres.

Other genres: Blues | R&B/Soul | World/Traditional

HIP HOP

Mother Nature

Genre: Hip Hop
Web: mothernaturebarz.com
Contact: mothernaturebarz@gmail.com

Mother Nature is the powerful energy of emcees Klevah and TRUTH. With peace and love as the foundation of their mission in Hip Hop, they strive to raise the frequency of the collective conscience.

Precise

Genre: Hip Hop
Web: precisemuzic.com
Contact: precisemuzic@gmail.com

A Chicago native of Haitian heritage, Precise is a rapper and motivational speaker. Music has always been part of his life, and his mission is to preserve the rich culture of hip hop and his roots, using art to inspire and transform.

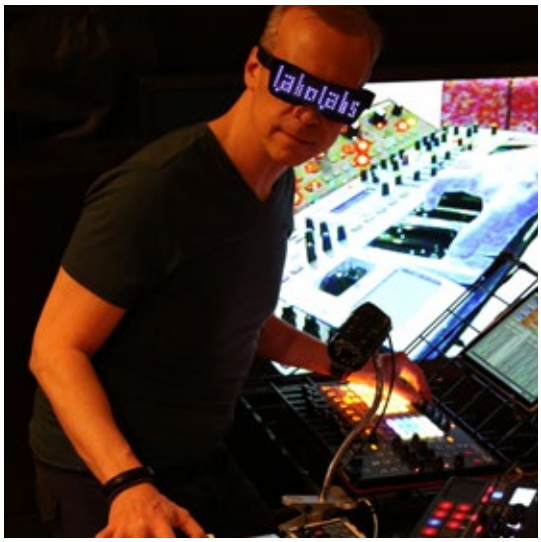
Damon Reed

Genre: Hip Hop
Web: damonlamar.wixsite.com/create
Contact: damonlamar@prodigy.net

Damon Reed is a hip-hop artist creating content to inspire and uplift as well as promote self introspection.

Other genres: Gospel

HOUSE



Cristián Huepe [labo_labs]

Genre: House
Web: facebook.com/huepelabs
Contact: huepelabs@gmail.com

Cristián Huepe - labo_labs is an electronic musician and scientist who performs and produces worldwide. He combines house/electro/pop elements, intricate production and international textures collected during travels. His shows go from club/dance to experimental/lounge.

Other genres: Pop | World/Traditional

DJ Lady D

Genre: House
Web: djladydchicago.com
Contact: djladydchicago@gmail.com

Darlene Jackson, aka DJ Lady D, is an international DJ and established figure in Chicago's house music history, creating charismatic sets of house, disco and open-format. 2020 marked 25 years of performing for this DJ, producer, remixer and label owner.

Steve Miggedy Maestro

Genre: House
Web: facebook.com/miggedylovesmusic
Contact: miggedy123@gmail.com

Steve Miggedy Maestro is a DJ and producer with 30 years experience playing events, clubs, radio shows and internet streams with a love for R&B, house, dancehall, reggae, soca, hip hop and rap.

Other genres: R&B/Soul | World/Traditional

HOUSE

Jon Pierce and Energy Transfer

Genre: House
Web: jonpierceplanet.com
Contact: jonpierce91@gmail.com

Jon Pierce and Energy transfer is a high energy, soulful house band performing classic and original house music.

Other genres: Gospel | Jazz | World/Traditional

DJ Duane Powell

Genre: House
Web: duanepowell.com
Contact: info@duanepowell.com

Duane Powell is a DJ and music historian who has played and held residencies at many Chicago hotspots including the House Of Blues, Virgin Hotel, The Promontory and Reggie's Music Club.

Other genres: Jazz | R&B/Soul | World/Traditional

Shmoo

Genre: House
Web: shmoochicago.com
Contact: booking@shmoochicago.com

Shmoo is from the Southside and plays, produces and promotes house music, with recent regular events including "You Are Here." with Derrick Carter at Spybar and Blender at Berlin Nightclub.

JAZZ

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2 Brown Sisters Edutainment

Genre: Jazz
Web: maggiebrown.com/the-many-modes-of-maggie
Contact: 2brownsisters@gmail.com

"Chi-Town Music Odyssey" is an ode to Chicagoland. Set to jazz, blues and show tunes, lyrical storytelling and poetry are dispensed by some of the best musical ambassadors Chicago has to offer. Lead by 2 Brown Sisters, vocalists Africa & Maggie Brown.

Other genre: Blues

Dee Alexander

Genre: Jazz
Web: deealexander.net
Contact: deealexandermusic@gmail.com

Dee Alexander's work as a respected vocalist and songwriter has spanned virtually every music genre related to the African diaspora—gospel, blues, neo-soul, rhythm and blues, and world music—but her true heart belongs to jazz, the one idiom that can encompass all her influences.

Other genres: Blues

Big Bari Band

Genre: Jazz
Web: juliwoodsax.com
Contact: juliwoodsax@gmail.com

The Big Bari Band features two baritone saxophones in the horn line, played by Juli Wood and Rajiv Halim, with Mike Allemana on guitar, Joshua Ramos on bass and Samuel Jewell on drums. The band plays the music of famous jazz musicians and composers, and has been featured at the Jazz Showcase, Andy's Jazz Club, The Green Mill and the 2019 Chicago Jazz Fest.

Other genres: Blues | Gospel | R&B/Soul

JAZZ

Bopology Swing Machine

Genre: Jazz
Web: bopologychicago.com
Contact: steve@bopology.com

Bopology Swing Machine recreates the jazz sounds from the Swing Era of the late 1930's, 40's and 50's with a focus on horns and crisp arrangements for outdoor concerts and festivals in order to bring old school music to new age people.

Other genre: Blues

Mwata Bowden

Genre: Jazz
Contact: mbowden@uchicago.edu

Mwata Bowden is a diverse artist trained as a classical musician. He plays the family of woodwinds and didjeridu, having his early professional start in high school under the direction of the legendary Capt'n Walter Dyett.

Contact: Blues | World/Traditional

The John Behling Group/ The John Behling Guitar Arts Duo

Genre: Jazz
Web: johnbehlingmusic.com
Contact: johnbehling@hotmail.com

The John Behling Group performs Brazilian and American Jazz with an emphasis on classic Brazilian bossa nova and samba. To this core repertoire they add Brazilian-influenced music from France, the US and other places around the globe.

JAZZ

Bonzo Squad

Genre: Jazz
Web: bonzosquad.com
Contact: bonzosquad83@gmail.com

Bonzo Squad is an instrumental ensemble focused on creating eclectic music grounded in musicianship. The group consists of Bonzo, born Corbin Andrick (flute and saxophones), Andrew Lawrence (keys and synths), Andrew Vogt (bass) and Zack Marks (drums).

Other genres: R&B/Soul

David Boykin/David Boykin Expanse/Dr. Belsidus

Genre: Jazz
Web: davidboykin.com
Contact: abekuabeku@hotmail.com

David Boykin is a composer and vocalist, and plays saxophones, clarinets, drums and electronics. Boykin performs widely, from major international jazz festivals to small jazz venues, and has released over 20 recordings. His Sonic Healing Ministries is dedicated to the spiritual evolution of humanity through music.

Other genres: Hip Hop | R&B/Soul | World/Traditional

Geof Bradfield Quartet

Genre: Jazz
Web: geofbradfield.com
Contact: geofbrad@yahoo.com

Geof Bradfield is a jazz saxophonist, composer and bandleader. His work is informed by and synthesizes diverse streams of African Diaspora music, from West African rhythms to Georgia Sea Island ring shouts to mainstream jazz artists like Duke Ellington and Thelonious Monk.

Contact: Blues | World/Traditional

JAZZ

Anne & Mark Burnell

Genre: Jazz
Web: burnellmusic.com
Contact: annepburnell@gmail.com

Anne Burnell (vocalist) and Mark Burnell (pianist/vocalist) have been sharing their harmonies, piano, jazz, blues, cabaret, American songbook and a cappella performances for many years. They create themed projects, collaborate with other Chicago musicians and singers and can be found at Park West Chicago, Andy's Jazz Club, Tortoise Club and other venues.

Other genres: Pop

Carlos Cannon Band

Genre: Jazz
Web: facebook.com/fanpage2600
Contact: carloscannon213@gmail.com

Smooth jazz saxophonist Carlos Cannon leads this 5-7 piece band that includes dual vocalists. Cannon is known for his spectacular saxophone blowing, special affects and dance grooves.

Other genres: Pop | R&B/Soul

Frank Catalano Quintet

Genre: Jazz
Web: catalanomusic.com
Contact: catalanomusic@gmail.com

Mentored by the legendary saxophonist Von Freeman, chart-topping Frank Catalano performs for a living, playing soulful Chicago Jazz around the world.

JAZZ

Miguel de la Cerna

Genre: Jazz
Web: migueldelacerna.com
Contact: mdelacerna@aol.com

Chicago native Miguel de la Cerna is a pianist and arranger who has been performing jazz for decades. Appearing as a leader and sideman in jazz venues around the world, he represents the Chicago sound enjoyed by audiences everywhere.

Chicago Gypsy Project

Genre: Jazz
Web: savoirfairejazzviolinist.com
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Samuel "Savoirfaire" Williams is a classically trained professional jazz violinist, bandleader, composer and improviser. His Chicago Gypsy Project is an acoustic group that performs a myriad of styles fusing gypsy jazz, pop, bebop and American Songbook standards.

Other genres: Classical | World/Traditional

Coffee Jazz Collective

Genre: Jazz
Web: coffeejazz.org
Contact: lifeiscoffeejazz@protonmail.com

Coffee Jazz Collective, created by vocalist Miranda Sprague and featuring a variety of members, collaborates with local organizations and businesses to create a high-quality listening experience and facilitate local commerce.

Other genres: Blues | Hip Hop

JAZZ

Ryan Cohan

Genre: Jazz
Web: ryancohan.com
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Jazz pianist and composer Ryan Cohan leads a quartet playing a repertoire of classic jazz and original compositions inspired by jazz tradition and world music from across the globe.

Come Sunday

Genre: Jazz
Web: comesundayjazz.com
Contact: bill@billbrickey.com

Come Sunday delves into rich musical traditions to seek songs with soul – be they gospel, pop, folk or jazz. Familiar tunes emerge transformed by harmonies from four powerful singers backed by a swinging jazz rhythm section.

Other genres: Gospel | R&B/Soul

Cordoba

Genre: Jazz
Web: cordobaband.com
Contact: cordobachijazz@gmail.com

Cordoba is a jazz fusion sextet. From the beginning, the band has been interested in combining jazz improvisation with the contemporary sounds of hip-hop, soul and rock.

Other genres: R&B/Soul | Rock

JAZZ

Gustavo Cortiñas & Desafío Candente

Genre: Jazz
Web: gustavocortinasmusic.com
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Gustavo Cortiñas is a drummer and composer who focuses on melody, interaction and the rhythms of his native Mexico. He seeks to create music that celebrates differences and unites communities. His latest album (March 2021) brings together 30+ collaborators from over 10 countries.

Other genres: World/Traditional

Ernest Dawkins Quartet

Genre: Jazz
Web: ernestdawkins.com
Contact: ernestdawkins@sbcglobal.net

One of the life goals of saxophonist and composer Ernest Dawkins, whose career spans over 40 years, is for his music to reflect the evolving collective cultural memory of the American jazz aesthetic. He is the Executive Director of Live the Spirit Residency/Englewood Jazz Festival and is the leader of several ensembles.

Matt Ulery's Delicate Charms

Genre: Jazz
Web: mattulery.com
Contact: mulery@gmail.com

Bassist and composer Matt Ulery's music is informed by the spectrum of jazz, classical, rock, pop and folk – specifically American, South American, Balkan and other European folk styles. He has been performing for over 25 years and has been band-leader in a diverse array of jazz ensembles in the last decade.

Other genres: Classical

JAZZ

Sam Fazio

Genre: Jazz
Web: samfaziomusic.com
Contact: sam@samfaziomusic.com

Vocalist Sam Fazio has performed at a wide variety of venues across the country. His repertoire includes a unique mix of jazz standards and pop classics that appeal to a wide range of audiences.

Nanette Frank

Genre: Jazz
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Nanette Frank is a vocalist specializing in jazz and R&B. She has performed in Chicago and internationally for over 20 years.

Other genres: R&B/Soul

Christy Bennett's Fumée

Genre: Jazz
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Fumée is a manouche jazz group that features unique instrumentation and repertoire, a fusion of European and American jazz traditions. Performing with a traditional drum-less ensemble utilizing string instruments as the rhythm section, Fumée highlights lesser known music of the past.

Other genres: World/Traditional

JAZZ

Paul Giallorenzo Trio

Genre: Jazz
Web: paulgiallorenzo.com/trio/
Contact: paulgiallorenzo@gmail.com

Paul Giallorenzo leads a modern jazz trio (piano/bass/drums) playing original music live and on recent recordings with Delmark Records.

Great Black Music Ensemble

Genre: Jazz
Web: aacmchicago.org
Contact: aacmchicago@gmail.com

The Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians, Inc. (AACM) was founded in 1965 Chicago to foster the creation and performance of original music. The Great Black Music Ensemble upholds the ethos of AACM through community engagement, musical excellence and originality.

Other genres: Blues | Classical | R&B/Soul

Guru Tonic

Genre: Jazz
Web: gurutonic.com
Contact: cwebb@chuckwebbmusic.com

Guru Tonic is a quartet of virtuoso musicians who have toured and recorded with a who's who of music legends. These sidemen have come together to create a blend of original music and cover songs that combine the language of jazz improvisation with funk, soul and fusion grooves.

Other genres: R&B/Soul | World/Traditional

JAZZ

Charles Heath

Genre: Jazz
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Charles Heath is a drummer, producer and educator playing everything from jazz and blues to gospel and Latin music, performing in concerts, the recording studio, live Broadway theater and as the drummer for jazz artist Ramsey Lewis since 2010.

Emily Kuhn's Helios

Genre: Jazz
Web: emilykuhntrumpet.com
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Led by jazz trumpet player Emily Kuhn, Helios is a 9-piece chamber jazz group inspired by jazz, classical, folk and pop. The full band, which includes a string quartet and vocalist, is featured on her album *Sky Stories*. Helios can also perform as a quartet, quintet or sextet.

Bruce A. Henry

Genre: Jazz
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Bruce A. Henry is a jazz vocalist but his musical eclecticism is not contained by one genre. Henry's music has taken him to five continents and he has shared the stage with many legendary acts including Doc Severinsen and the Sounds of Blackness.

JAZZ

Hommel

Genre: Jazz (Cabaret)
Web: cabaret-paree.com/booking
Contact: clobert@cabaret-paree.com

From the Cabaret Lapin Agile in Paris to the Frick Pittsburgh and back to Chicago, actor/singer Hommel is known for cabaret concerts of French and American songs celebrating Paris. Hommel's repertoire encompasses French chanson, American standards, 19th and 20th century art songs and theatre music.

Illville Vanguard

Genre: Jazz
Web: illvillevanguard.com
Contact: ivmusicgroup1@gmail.com

Illville Vanguard is a group that specializes in creating unforgettable musical experiences. Although their original music is jazz inspired, they perform a repertoire that is fitting for any situation.

Other genres: Gospel | Hip Hop | R&B/Soul

Henry Johnson

Genre: Jazz
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Henry Johnson has been performing and recording with jazz giants for over 40 years and continues to tour and perform locally as a musician. Active on the Chicago music scene since 1974, Johnson also teaches at Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts.

Other genres: Blues | R&B/Soul

JAZZ

Keri Johnsrud Quartet

Genre: Jazz
Web: kerijohnsrud.com
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Keri Johnsrud is a jazz singer with over 15 years of headlining appearances, including Green Mill Lounge, Jazz Showcase and a monthly residency at Andy's Jazz Club. In addition to her interpretation of the American Songbook as a vocalist, Johnsrud is a lyricist and composer and regularly tours the US with her own group.

Kevin and Hell

Genre: Jazz
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Kevin and Hell is a group that is comfortable playing swinging jazz as well as energizing rock and roll.

Other genres: Rock

Marqueal Jordan

Genre: Jazz
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Marqueal Jordan is a saxophonist, vocalist, recording artist and bandleader who performs contemporary/smooth jazz and soul/R&B.

Other genres: R&B/Soul

JAZZ

Geordie Kelly

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Geordie Kelly is a guitarist, composer and band leader, performing straight ahead jazz in a guitar trio format.

Quin Kirchner Group

Genre: Jazz
Web: quinkirchner.com
Contact: quinkirchner@gmail.com

The Quin Kirchner Group is a jazz band formed to play drummer Kirchner's original compositions and songs from his favorite jazz composers. Kirchner's debut album, *The Other Side Of Time*, garnered critical acclaim from *Downbeat*, NPR and *All About Jazz*.

KVL

Genre: Jazz
Web: kirchvanlux.bandcamp.com/album/volume-1
Contact: nowacceptingemail@gmail.com

A collaboration of Quin Kirchner, Matthew Lux and Daniel Van Duerm, KVL makes multi-genre crossing music and sits in the same headspace as recent modern improv that eschews a more traditional "jazz" label.

JAZZ

La Tosca

Genre: Jazz
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La Tosca was founded in 2014 by Andrea Falcone, Davide Morelli and Antonio Valdez in the Pilsen neighborhood. Performing songs in five languages, the quintet combines violin, guitars, upright bass and accordion to create music that weaves elements of gypsy jazz, classical, Latin, jazz and traditional tarantella.

Other genres: Classical | World/Traditional

Nick Mazzarella's Meridian Trio

Genre: Jazz
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Nick Mazzarella is a saxophonist and composer, and his trio is one of the primary vehicles for the presentation of his original compositions. The group is dedicated to exploring the intersection between modern jazz and free jazz.

Roy McGrath Quartet

Genre: Jazz
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Roy McGrath is a tenor saxophonist, composer and bandleader. Born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and educated in Boston, New Orleans and Chicago, McGrath brings these diverse roots to his jazz ensemble, Quartet. In addition to playing in Chicago, McGrath has led multiple international tours to Mexico, Singapore, Korea and China.

Other genres: Blues | World/Traditional

JAZZ

The Metropolitan Jazz Octet

Genre: Jazz
Web: metropolitanjazzoctet.com
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The Metropolitan Jazz Octet is a reawakening of a group started by saxophonist Tom Hilliard in the 1950's. Hilliard taught three current MJO members and bequeathed his musical library of 150+ charts. Now led by Jim Gailloreto, John Kornegay and Bob Sutter, MJO's repertoire includes new works and reimagined classics. In 2019 MJO released *It's Too Hot For Words* with Dee Alexander on Delmark Records.

Other genres: Blues | Gospel

Typhanie Monique

Genre: Jazz
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Contact: info@typhaniemonique.com

Typhanie Monique is a genre-bending vocalist and improviser who delivers jazz standards, arranged contemporary favorites and spontaneous compositions in a soul-infused approach to jazz. Also influenced by house and pop music, Monique has performed at clubs, venues and festivals internationally.

Other genres: Pop | R&B/Soul

Samuel Mösching Trio

Genre: Jazz
Web: samuelmosching.com
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Originally from Switzerland, Samuel Mösching is a professional guitarist, composer and bandleader who has headlined performances internationally, including in the U.S., Switzerland, Germany, Ireland, England and Argentina. As a composer he has written hundreds of pieces, mostly in jazz and modern classical.

JAZZ

Margaret Murphy-Webb Quartet

Genre: Jazz
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Margaret Murphy-Webb is a vocalist and musician who learned her craft in Chicago's Southside jazz clubs. Today she is an award-winning international performer with over 30 years experience showing the world the soulful way Chicago jazz swings.

Other genres: Blues | R&B/Soul

Nia Quintet

Genre: Jazz
Web: niaquintet.com
Contact: niaquintet@yahoo.com

Nia Quintet is a modern jazz ensemble led by trumpeter/composer Scott Anderson. They have performed extensively across Chicago and at festivals around the country showcasing melodic interaction and improvisation.

Casey Nielsen

Genre: Jazz
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Both a jazz and classical guitarist, Casey Nielsen has performed solo recitals throughout the Chicago area and worked as a bandleader and sideman in various jazz groups throughout North America.

Other genres: Classical | World/Traditional

JAZZ

Ethan Philion

Genre: Jazz
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Ethan Philion is an award-winning bass player involved in a variety of jazz projects. Philion is joined in his trio by Greg Ward (saxophone) and Dana Hall (drums). The ensemble performs original music and arrangements of jazz standards and classical compositions that draw from the rich history of chord-less ensembles.

Bethany Pickens Trio

Genre: Jazz
Web: bethanypickens.com
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"Steeped in tradition, committed to creativity." Bethany Pickens is an award winning pianist and composer. Born in Chicago, she began her musical training under the watchful tutelage of her father, world-class jazz pianist Willie Pickens, followed by more classical training at the American Conservatory of Music.

Real Talk Collective

Genre: Jazz
Web: kittlylesmusic.com
Contact: kittlyles@gmail.com

Real Talk Collective is bassist and composer Kitt Lyles' jazz septet featuring trumpet, tenor sax, trombone, guitar, piano and drums. Performing Lyles' original works that highlight each musician's unique voice, Real Talk Collective has performed at the Chicago Jazz Festival, Constellation and through tours on three continents.

Other genres: Blues

JAZZ

Joe Rendon and Friends

Genre: Jazz
Web: facebook.com/joerendonfriends
Contact: salsaconsoul@yahoo.com

Joe Rendon and Friends is a Latin jazz quintet that transcends many styles of music. Led by multi-faceted percussionist and master conguero Joe Rendon, the band includes keyboards, bass, saxophones and flute.

Tony Richards Trio

Genre: Jazz
Web: tonyrichardsguitar.com
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The Tony Richards Trio performs their own brand of straight-ahead melodic jazz. Led by guitarist, writer and arranger Tony Richards, the trio's repertoire includes a wide variety of Richards' originals as well as some of the finest music from the past.

Matt Riggen

Genre: Jazz
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A composer, educator and trumpeter with a focus on politically-engaged work, Matt Riggen performs and composes original jazz music with the intent to stimulate audiences towards justice for the oppressed or marginalized.

JAZZ

Jason Roebke

Genre: Jazz
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Jason Roebke is a bassist and composer. In addition to playing bass in several Chicago jazz projects, he composes music for his own octet and other small groups.

Markus Rutz

Genre: Jazz
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Trumpet player, composer and bandleader Markus Rutz performs modern jazz in venues throughout Chicago and across the United States. Forever exploring the boundaries of jazz, Rutz continues to teach, compose and perform with musicians from around the globe, benefiting from the new and unexpected found in collaborations.

Other genres: Blues

Spider Saloff

Genre: Jazz
Web: spidersaloff.com
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Spider Saloff is a jazz vocalist and comedienne/storyteller. Performing with full symphony orchestras or intimate jazz groups, Saloff is known for her interpretations of the American Songbook.

JAZZ

Dexter Sims Trio

Genre: Jazz
Web: dextersims.com
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Dexter Sims Trio is a classic and contemporary jazz ensemble featuring piano, bass (electric and upright) and drums.

Other genres: R&B/Soul

Soul Message Band

Genre: Jazz
Web: soulmessageband.com
Contact: soulmessageband@yahoo.com

Soul Message Band is a soulful funky jazz organ group led by jazz organist Chris Foreman. The group is built around the longstanding tradition of the Hammond B3 organ within jazz, soul, blues and gospel.

Other genres: Blues | Gospel

Tempero Brasileiro

Genre: Jazz
Web: duotemperobrasileiro.com
Contact: heitorgarcia@hotmail.com

Tempero Brasileiro mixes jazz, classical and Brazilian styles into its unique interpretations of Brazilian choro, samba and bossa nova. The trio consists of Julie Koidin (flute), Neal Alger (guitar) and Heitor Garcia (percussion).

Other genres: Classical | World/Traditional

JAZZ

Thinkin' Big

Genre: Jazz
Web: facebook.com/thinkin-big-181099788633399
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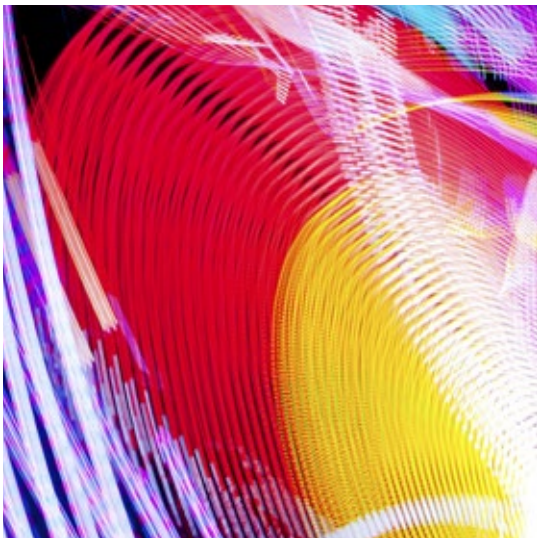
Formed in 2010, Thinkin' Big is an 18-piece big band. Their music melds multiple genres to ask political questions about the state of our world and showcases the compositions of band leader and trumpeter, Jonah Francese.

Other genres: Hip Hop | R&B/Soul | World/Traditional



Trio WAZ

Genre: Jazz
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Trio WAZ is an eclectic, experimental jazz trio that has performed together for over 20 years. Featuring Edward Wilkerson on reeds, Tatsu Aoki on bass, and Michael Zerang on drums, Trio WAZ has toured nationally and internationally.

Other genres: World/Traditional

JAZZ

Sam Trump [& Acoustic Audile/Chicago's King Orchestra/The Soul Vortex]

Genre: Jazz
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Lead by the fluid vocals of Sam Trump, the sound of Acoustic Audile is of soul, jazz and folk influences. The 18-piece Chicago's King Orchestra reimagines Cole's repertoire with a wind ensemble and rhythm section, complete with a harp. The Soul Vortex is a 7-piece band that performs uplifting originals and reinterpretations of classic grooves.

Other Genres: Classical | Pop | R&B

Thaddeus Tukes

Genre: Jazz
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Vibraphonist Thaddeus Tukes is a Luminarts fellow and recipient of the Vivian G. Harsh Emerging Artist Award. The Chicago Tribune featured Tukes in the 2019 "Best Jazz Performances in Chicago," the youngest bandleader on the list.

Other genres: Gospel | R&B/Soul

JAZZ

Bobbi Wilsyn and Co

Genre: Jazz
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Bobbi Wilsyn and Co, led by jazz singer Bobbi Wilsyn, plays audience favorites of blues and jazz standards from the American songbook, performing in concert settings, at festivals and for special events.

Other genres: Blues

John Rodriguez

Genre: Jazz
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John Rodriguez has been leading one of Chicago's finest modern Latin jazz ensembles. Their lively performances have garnered them not only a reputable reputation locally, but have allowed them to have an extensive career abroad.

Other genres: World/Traditional

POP

Attack the Sound

Genre: Pop
Web: attackthesound.net
Contact: attackthesound@yahoo.com

Founded in 2011, Attack the Sound is a pop band fusing the elements of hip hop, jazz, R&B, soul and pop into one sound.

Other genres: Hip Hop | R&B/Soul | Rock

Bill Brickey

Genre: Pop
Web: billbrickey.com
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Vocalist and guitarist Bill Brickey is an adult and children's entertainer and singer/songwriter. His focus as a musician includes pop, blues, jazz, gospel, funk and children's music, and he belongs to several bands.

Other genres: Blues | Gospel | Jazz

Dawn Xiana Moon

Genre: Pop
Web: dawnxianamoon.com
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With influences ranging from traditional Chinese music, modern American folk, jazz and pop, Dawn Xiana Moon bridges the musical traditions of the East and West. In 2019, Chicago Reader named Moon Runner-Up for Best Singer-Songwriter and also as a Finalist for Best World Music Act.

Other genres: World/Traditional

POP

Oux

Genre: Pop
Web: ouxband.com
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Oux (pronounced "Awe") is an electronic art-pop duo that makes music about being LGBTQ. Oux released two singles in 2018, and began performing in Chicago after relocating from L.A. They released their first EP *Honeymood* in September 2019.

Other genres: Hip Hop | R&B/Soul | Rock

Subhi

Genre: Pop
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Subhi is an Indian-American singer-songwriter, musician, speaker and storyteller. She combines her two worlds of Hindi folk and American pop with an aim to make music that is poetic, contemporary and multi-cultural. Her songs have appeared on NPR, SXSW and Spotify official playlists, and she has performed nationally and internationally.

Other genres: World/Traditional

The Shades

Genre: Pop
Web: theshadesmusic.com
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Equipped with their voices and guitars, The Shades' sound is a unique blend of pop, folk and soul. Their impressive arrangements and tight harmonies have reached thousands of audience members from Navy Pier and Lincoln Hall to Windy City Live and WGN.

Other genres: Blues | R&B/Soul | Rock

POP

SuperKnova

Genre: Pop
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SuperKnova is a transgender musician who creates Queer Pop, a sound that incorporates hip-hop inspired drums, driving synths and guitar solos. She writes about identity, queerness and the struggle of being your authentic self.

Other genres: R&B/Soul | Rock

Xoe Wise

Genre: Pop
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Xoe Wise is a singer/songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and producer who performs solo and with a band. Her releases have spanned from folk to rock to electronic. In additional to live performance, her music can be heard in shows such as Netflix's *Sense8* and Showtime's *Work in Progress*.

Other genres: Rock

R&B/SOUL/FUNK

Nola Ade

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
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First generation Nigerian American singer-songwriter Nola Ade articulates a spirit of hope and positivity in her writing, using her boisterous voice to reflect on her dual upbringing in what she dubs her "Afro Soul" musical style.

Other genres: World/Traditional

AMI

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
Web: officialami.com
Contact: ami@officialami.com

AMI is formally trained as a classical instrumentalist, producer, arranger and solo artist whose musical style is colorfully harmonic but dissonant and has varying rhythmic ideas, heavy bass, sultry vocals and honest lyrics.

Other genres: Classical | Hip Hop | Pop

Matt B

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
Web: mattbworld.com
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Matt B is an international R&B singer-songwriter. His signing to StarBase Records Japan in 2014 led to two #1 R&B albums on iTunes Japan. His debut US album *EDEN* released in March 2021 and features production from GRAMMY-winners Bryan-Michael Cox and Tricky Stewart. The album charted #3 on iTunes and in the Billboard Top 40 for R&B Albums.

Other genres: Hip Hop | Pop

R&B/SOUL/FUNK

Bassel & The Supernaturals

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
Web: basselmusic.com
Contact: bassel@basselmusic.com

Bassel & The Supernaturals tell the story of Bassel Almadani's experience as a first generation Syrian-American using soulful melodies, funk-inspired grooves and lyrics regarding love, loss and the war in Syria.

Other genres: Jazz

Chicago Soul Spectacular

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
Web: chicagosoulspectacular.com
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Chicago Soul Spectacular is a diverse collective of artists performing authentic 60's and 70's soul and original material that spotlights Chicago's legacy in music. The big band features a full horn section, back-up singers and costumes, and every concert is imagined as a theatrical experience.

Level 7

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
Web: level7bandlive.com
Contact: blackjade9@msn.com

Level 7 is an "Old School" R&B and pop band with members collectively performing for over 15 years in the Chicago area. Their repertoire caters to parties, weddings, clubs, dances and live entertainment venues.

Other genres: Jazz | Pop

R&B/SOUL/FUNK

Localvores

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
Web: facebook.com/lovalvoresmusic
Contact: localvoresmusic@gmail.com

The Localvores are a multi-genre trio playing jazzy folk grooves, acoustic soul and electric R&B soul with occasional undertones of reggae or bossa nova. Their approach allows for intimate performances and club shows, including performances at Subterranean, Schubas, Red Line Tap, The Tonic Room, The Hideout, Moe's, Jerry's Sandwiches, The Gallery Cabaret and others.

Other genres: Country/Americana/Folk | Jazz

Meagan McNeal

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
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Meagan McNeal is a singer/songwriter versed in soul, jazz and R&B. McNeal has performed throughout the USA and across the globe, releasing her debut album *Mindset* in 2014 and appearing on NBC's *The Voice* in 2017. In addition to her solo work, McNeal has provided backing vocals for artists like Eminem, Common and The O'Jays.

Other genres: Jazz

Johari Noelle

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
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Johari Noelle is a Southside Chicago singer-songwriter who cut her teeth performing in choirs and musical theatre. In 2015, she joined the cast of BET docuseries *Chasing Destiny*, and her creative resume has grown to include credits on the Fox series *Empire* and *Proven Innocent*. Noelle's writing champions sisterhood and chronicles her life as a woman climbing the ladder in the music industry.

R&B/SOUL/FUNK

Felicia Patton and the Chicago Soul Revue

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
Web: chicagosoulrevue.band
Contact: chicagosoulrevue@gmail.com

Felicia Patton and the Chicago Soul Revue, heavily influenced by the classic soul of Motown, Philly and Chicago, bring a retro sound to their covers and originals. After working together for many years, Chicago Soul Revue released their first album *In or Out* on Chicago Creed Records in 2017.

Other genres: Jazz

Erthe St. James

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
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Contact: erthestjames@gmail.com

Artist Erthe St. James hails from Chicago's West Side. Backed by his band The ErtheTones and performing in an array of venues across Chicago, St. James interlaces genres to create his own blend of soul, jazz and funk.

Other genres: Jazz

Xavier Keyz

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
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Contact: keyz@iamkeyz.com

Xavier Keyz is a global R&B entertainer with a distinct sound and image. XavierKeyz has toured locally and was a headliner performing internationally at concerts in India and Europe.

Other genres: Hip Hop | Pop

R&B/SOUL/FUNK

avery r. young & de deacon board

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
Web: averyryoung.com
Contact: sousefunk@gmail.com

avery r. young & de deacon board combine elements of soul, funk and blues with lyrics of social and cultural significance, providing a highly energetic and infectious performance minus gimmick or fanfare.

Other genres: Blues | Gospel | House

Krystal Metcalfe

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
Web: krystalmetcalfe.com
Contact: bookings@krystalmetcalfe.com

Krystal Metcalfe and her band offer a mix of rock, soul and musical theatre for a broad experience. Metcalfe seeks to uplift and inspire audiences. Among her top influences are Aretha Franklin, Chaka Khan, Queen and Quincy Jones. For her EP *Fear Less* she was inspired by Sister Rosetta Tharpe.

Other genres: Rock | World/Traditional

Obisoulstar

Genre: R&B/Soul/Funk
Web: obisoulstar.com
Contact: electriqsoulhideout@gmail.com

Born in Chicago and raised in Nigeria, Obisoulstar's music embraces the sounds of soul, blues, funk, rock, afrobeat, lounge and reggae -- with a dash of house and alternative for extra style. His music is about unity, love and togetherness.

Other genres: Blues | Rock | World/Traditional

ROCK

Acres to Miles

Genre: Rock
Web: acrestomiles.com
Contact: acrestomiles@gmail.com

Blurring the lines between rock and soul, Acres to Miles was formed in 2016 by Brett Axell (lead vocals), Jeremy Mann (guitar), Emery Joe Yost (bass) and Guy Henri Bagneki Kingue (drums). The group explores a wide-open sound across genres with a songwriting approach that embraces the lyrical and the human.

Other genres: Pop | R&B

AfroZep

Genre: Rock
Web: facebook.com/afrozep
Contact: afrozepmusic@gmail.com

AfroZep creates a fusion of music found throughout the continent of Africa with the songs of Led Zeppelin: some tunes are straight mash-ups of Fela Kuti and Zeppelin; some are stripped down Zeppelin arrangements injected with the rhythm of traditional African drumming; and some are Zeppelin tunes set to original grooves inspired by artists like Tinariwen, Thomas Mapfumo or Franco.

Other genres: World/Traditional

Black Bear Combo

Genre: Rock
Web: blackbearcombo.com
Contact: contact@blackbearcombo.com

Black Bear Combo channels the common energy between traditional music from the Balkans, punk rock and free jazz. Since 2002, they've brought their sound to clubs, basements, festivals, weddings, funerals and parties across the country.

Other genres: Jazz | World/Traditional

ROCK

The Braided Janes

Genre: Rock
Web: thebraidedjanes.com
Contact: thebraidedjanes@gmail.com

The Braided Janes is a post-punk, Latin rock band founded in 2012 by family members Jessica Rodriguez (vocals, keys, guitar), Juny Alvarez (percussion) and Andrew Doyle (bass guitar). Included in an end-of-year NPR playlist (Latin Roots: The Best Alternative Songs Of 2019), the bilingual and multicultural trio brings Latin-influenced rhythms to songs on contemporary issues like gun violence and immigrant rights.

District 97

Genre: Rock
Web: district97.net
Contact: info@district97.net

District 97 is a progressive art rock band. Formed in 2006, the band drew upon influences from heavy metal to avant-garde jazz, and in 2013 was nominated for a Breakthrough Artist Award by Prog Magazine. District 97 has toured extensively, including in support of Pain of Salvation on its North American tour.

Fleeting Suns

Genre: Rock
Web: facebook.com/fleetingsuns
Contact: fleetingsuns@gmail.com

Fleeting Suns is an indie Americana band whose music tells stories in three part folk harmonies backed by everything from country-rock rhythms to waltz ballads to groovy funk jams. Fleeting Suns has played Chicago venues like House of Blues, Schubas, Martyrs', Reggies and Subterranean, and has toured parts of the US.

Other genres: Country/Americana/Folk

ROCK

The Flips

Genre: Rock
Web: hiweretheflips.com
Contact: booking@hiweretheflips.com

The Flips are a five-piece indie rock band from Chicago's Southside, playing music which reflects the struggles of living with and working through mental health issues.

French Police

Genre: Rock
Web: facebook.com/frenchpoliceband
Contact: frenchpoliceband@gmail.com

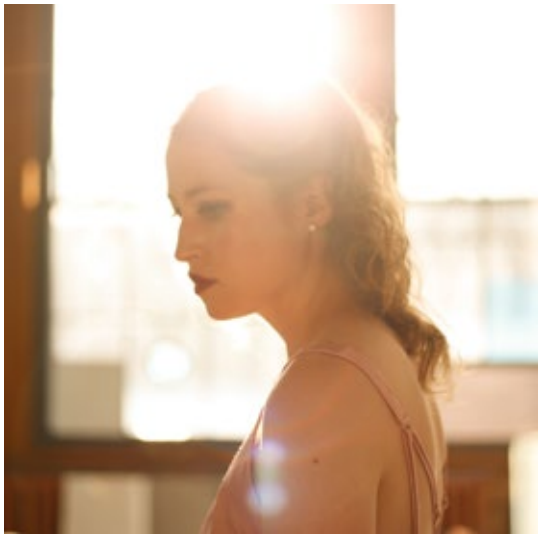
Southside indie rock group French Police consist of former members of Karma Wears White Ties and Lost at Land, and has played at RuidoFest, Villapalooza and Pilsen Fest.

The God Awful Small Affairs

Genre: Rock
Web: facebook.com/thegodawfulsmallaffairs
Contact: thegodawfulsmallaffairs@gmail.com

The God Awful Small Affairs transforms the lyrics and tunes of frontperson Missy Preston's storytelling, solo-standing songs into a cathedral of dimension-dilating, nostalgia-provoking, heart-soldering sound.

ROCK



Half Gringa

Genre: Rock
Web: halfgringa.com
Contact: halfgringaband@gmail.com

Emerging from Chicago's flourishing indie music scene, Half Gringa blends contemporary indie-rock and Latinx pop with midwestern folk. Izzy Olive is the songwriter and multi-instrumentalist at the core of Half Gringa, and she performs with and without full band arrangement.

Other genres: Country/Americana/Folk

The Handcuffs

Genre: Rock
Web: thehandcuffs.com
Contact: thehandcuffs@thehandcuffs.com

Led by drummer Brad Elvis (also of The Romantics) and singer/multi-instrumentalist Chloe F. Orwell, The Handcuffs is a modern garage-glam rock band exploring broad sonic territory. The band has released three full-length albums and is currently working on the fourth. Completing the band's lineup are bassist Emily Togni, lead guitarist Jeff Kmieciak and keyboardist Alison Hinderliter.

KAVA

Genre: Rock
Web: kavatheband.com
Contact: booking@kavatheband.com

KAVA is an experimental/psychedelic/electronic trio that takes a cinematic approach to writing and producing psychedelic music, fusing traditional rock instruments with electronics and effects.

ROCK

Bill MacKay

Genre: Rock
Web: billmackay.com
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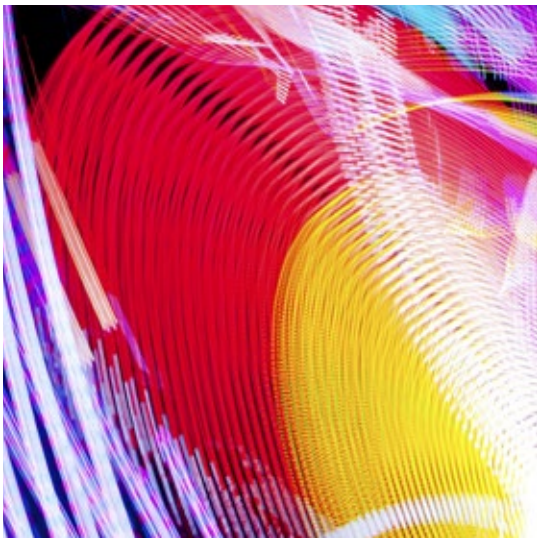
Bill MacKay is a songwriter, guitarist and composer whose style traverses folk, jazz and experimental rock. He is an artist with Drag City records in Chicago, and his music has received praise in reviews by Rolling Stone, Chicago Reader, Downbeat and more.

Other genres: Jazz | Pop



Many Places

Genre: Rock
Web: manymanyplaces.com
Contact: manymanyplaces@gmail.com

Many Places has been writing and performing around Chicago and the Midwest since 2011. Over the years they've moved through a spectrum of lo-fi songwriter recordings to a more orchestrated melodic indie folk sound.

Other genres: Country/Americana/Folk

Matchess

Genre: Rock
Web: matchess.tumblr.com
Contact: matchesse@gmail.com

Matchess is the ambient solo work of multi-instrumentalist, composer and writer Whitney Johnson. The project considers the reproduction of sound and meaning through a range of historical material processes.

ROCK

Melkbelly

Genre: Rock
Web: melkbelly.net
Contact: melkbelly@gmail.com

Melkbelly, formed by veterans of Chicago's experimental and DIY scene, is a 4-piece rock band touring nationally and internationally, playing fests like Pitchfork Music Festival and opening for the Foo Fighters at Wrigley Field. The quartet's membership includes frontperson Miranda Winters (vocals, guitar), Bart Winters (guitar), Liam Winters (bass) and James Wetzel (drums).

MORITAT

Genre: Rock
Web: moritatmusic.com
Contact: moritatmusic@gmail.com

MORITAT is Venus Laurel (keys), Corey McCafferty (drums) and Konstantin Jacé (bass, guitar). Their music – often called art rock and avant pop – is in pursuit of its own sound.

Other genres: Pop

Mucca Pazza

Genre: Rock
Web: muccapazza.com
Contact: info@muccapazza.com

Mucca Pazza is a big performance-art band whose ultimate goal is sharing art and joy. They compose, arrange and perform original music for their implausible line up - classic brass with electric guitars, accordion, violin, cello and a cheer squad.

Other genres: Classical | Jazz | World/Traditional

ROCK

Ode

Genre: Rock
Web: odemusic.com
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Started by two brothers who emigrated from Bosnia, Ode mixes global grooves, Eastern European melodies and Chicago rock. The quintet composes songs that incorporates their musical backgrounds of jazz, classical, folk, funk, rock and world music.

Other genres: World/Traditional

»radiant devices«

Genre: Rock
Web: facebook.com/radiantdevices
Contact: radiantdevices@gmail.com

»radiant devices« is a POC and female-fronted social practice music project. The band uses percussive sounds of found objects along with electronic and rock arrangements to create a soundscape for lyrics that advocate for survivors of trauma.

Radio Free Honduras

Genre: Rock
Web: radiofreehonduras.com
Contact: radiofreehonduras@gmail.com

Radio Free Honduras is a Latin folk rock band fronted by Honduran guitar player/singer-songwriter Charlie Baran. Baran was a founding member of the Honduran group Banda Blanca, who's song "Sopa de Caracol" was #1 on Billboard Top Latin Songs in 1991. Radio Free Honduras plays mostly Baran originals, and their live shows feature a variety of reimagined covers.

Other genres: Jazz | World/Traditional

ROCK

Rico!

Genre: Rock
Web: ricojams.com
Contact: rickybak@comcast.net

Rico! is a band with a rich sound from diverse musical cultures, a conglomerate of rock, soul, jazz, Afro-Cuban music, blues, funk, reggae and hip-hop. Their vision is to play inspiring music bringing people together in peace, harmony and happiness.

Other genres: Hip Hop | Pop | World/Traditional

The Right Now

Genre: Rock
Web: therightnow.com
Contact: info@therightnow.com

The Right Now's pop-meets-soul sound is more than a vehicle for Stefanie Berecz's voice. The celebration of thoughtful songwriting and intricate arrangements evoke the tradition of Quincy Jones in the 70s and 80s. Since 2008, the band has released three albums, toured the United States and shared stages with legends like George Clinton, Lee Fields and others.

Other genres: Jazz | Pop | R&B/Soul

Damian Rivero

Genre: Rock (Latin)
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Damian Rivero is a singer-songwriter, musician and producer. Signed by Warner Music and Latin Street Music in Chicago, Rivero has released two records. His music blends South American folk, rock and tango.

Other genres: World/Traditional

ROCK

Dorian Taj

Genre: Rock
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Guitarist and singer/songwriter Dorian Taj made his first records with the hardcore punk band Articles of Faith, then in a Chicago noise band, End Result, before forming the rock band Wait For Light. He eventually began performing under his own name, and has just released his latest album, *On the Loose* (2020).

Other genres: Blues | Country/Americana/Folk | Pop

TALsounds

Genre: Rock
Web: talsounds.com
Contact: nataliechami@gmail.com

TALsounds is Natalie Chami's solo explorations in the drone, ambient and electro-acoustic improv disciplines. In live performance, Chami's analog synthesizers weave together into drifting loops that evolve in tandem with her vocal leads and choral harmonies.

White Mystery

Genre: Rock
Web: whitemysteryband.com
Contact: alex@whitemysteryband.com

Miss Alex White and Francis Scott Key White are sibling rock-n-roll duo White Mystery. Since 2008, White Mystery has self-released nine records and performed more than 1000 shows worldwide, including on NBC's *Last Call with Carson Daly.*

WORLD/TRADITIONAL/INDIGENOUS

Akasha

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: akashaband.com
Contact: cosmosrayent@gmail.com

Akasha is classic reggae band performing original songs tackling social issues of the day. They fuse modern influences and four-part harmony with a sound that is both raw and accessible.

Beats y Bateria

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: beatsybateria.com
Contact: beatsybateria@gmail.com

Beats y Bateria is a modern world music trio. The group creates their sound by fusing old world melodic traditions with breakbeats, funk and dance grooves from live instrumentation, samples and electronic beats.

Alina Celeste and Mi Amigo Hamlet

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: miamigohamlet.com
Contact: alina@alinaceleste.com

Lead by Guatemalan-born artist, producer, songwriter and musician Hamlet Meneses, Alina Celeste and Mi Amigo Hamlet integrate Latin, world music and rock with bilingual singing in what Meneses calls Bilingual Kids Alternative music.

WORLD/TRADITIONAL/INDIGENOUS

David Chiriboga Spanish Guitar & Flamenco

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: davidchiribogamusic.com
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David Chiriboga Spanish Guitar & Flamenco is a Spanish guitar project with two guitarists and a percussionist, but is flexible to larger and smaller formats. Chiriboga's style is rooted in flamenco and Spanish classical guitar. Performing professionally since 2000, he has toured across the USA with various ensembles, and has performed in Spain, Mexico, Italy and Cuba.

Other genres: Classical

Dos Santos

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: dossantoschi.com
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From jazz-tinged psychedelia to dissonant cumbia, Dos Santos is engaging a new era of Latinx alternative music, bridging pan-Latin and progressive sounds to capture dreamed aesthetics of 21st-century América.

Other genres: Jazz | Rock

ESSO

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: essofunk.com
Contact: essobookinglive@gmail.com

Led by singer-songwriter and producer Armando Pérez, ESSO is a multicultural, bilingual and polystylistic big band that blends traditional Latin music with modern American genres and socio-political spoken word into an urban tropical funk sound.

WORLD/TRADITIONAL/INDIGENOUS

Ana Everling & The Taraf

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: anaeverling.com
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Born in the Republic of Moldova, Ana Everling is a vocalist trained in jazz performance who seeks to create cultural and emotional impact through song. Ana Everling & The Taraf present a unity of Romanian doine ballads and songs of bravery with tales, riddles and proverbs. These musical pieces preserve some of the oldest poetic achievements of Romania.

Other genres: Jazz

Friends of the Gamelan

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: chicagogamelan.org
Contact: info@chicagogamelan.org

Friends of the Gamelan is a community-based performing arts and education group dedicated to promoting the Javanese gamelan. The ensemble-based music consists of percussion, strings, flute and singers, and performances include dancers.

Funkadesi

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: funkadesi.com
Contact: funkadesi.events@gmail.com

Funkadesi blends Indian music — bhangra, Bollywood, Indian folk — with reggae, funk and Afro-Caribbean grooves. The large ensemble proudly represents Chicago's diverse multi-ethnic communities, with each band member adding their cultural and artistic vibe to the mix.

WORLD/TRADITIONAL/INDIGENOUS

Kantuz

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: facebook.com/kantuz
Contact: kantuzmusic@gmail.com

Kantuz is an experimental flamenco/classical/jazz band. They create modern reinterpretations of classic flamenco pieces and works from the Spanish, Basque and Latin American classical repertoires.

Other genres: Classical | Jazz

Marisol La Brava & A Flor de Piel

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: aflordepielmusic.com
Contact: info@aflordepielmusic.com

Founded in 2007 by front-woman Marisol Ceron and GRAMMY/Latin GRAMMY-nominee musician Renato Ceron, A Flor de Piel's diverse repertoire includes original compositions and traditional music from Latin America and the U.S.A. Performing for audiences of all ages and backgrounds, the group reflects its members' rich cultural heritage and collective approach to make the "old sound new."

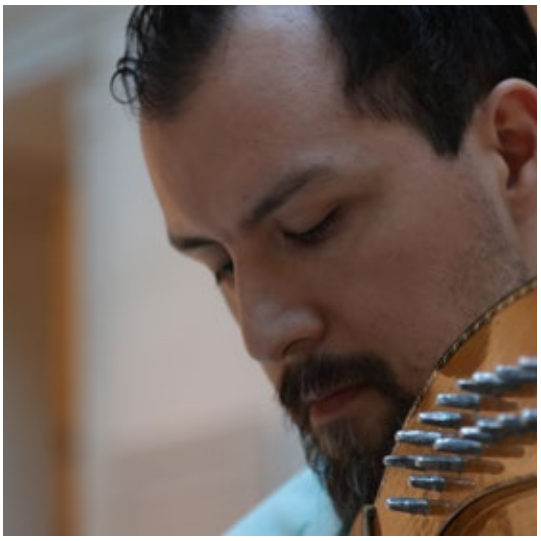
The Luna Blues Machine

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: thelunabluesmachine.com
Contact: thelunabluesmachine@gmail.com

The Luna Blues Machine is an acoustic hip-hop, soul, Latin and folk band fronted by sisters Belinda and Maritza Cervantes.

Other genres: Hip Hop

WORLD/TRADITIONAL/INDIGENOUS



Zacbe Pichardo

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
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Zacbe Pichardo is a harpist, composer and educator. He has been nominated for two GRAMMY Awards and has won multiple Chicago Music Awards. Pichardo has performed nationally at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and Kennedy Center, among other venues. He has also performed internationally in Europe, Asia and Cuba.

Other genres: Classical

Sandra Antongiorgi

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: santongiorgi.com
Contact: sandra@santongiorgi.com

Sandra Antongiorgi is a Puerto Rican vocalist, composer, producer, instrumentalist and interdisciplinary artist. Not bound by a single genre, her rhythmic music is influenced by Caribbean, soul, R&B, rumba and Gitano styles.

Son Monarcas

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: sonmonarcas.com
Contact: sonmonarcas@gmail.com

Son Monarcas is a Latin folk fusion ensemble led by Mercedes Inez and Irekani Ferreyra. They blend soul and jazz with traditional son & cumbia music from Latin America.

Other genres: Jazz | Pop

WORLD/TRADITIONAL/INDIGENOUS

Shanta Nurullah's Sitarsys

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
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Shanta Nurullah is a sitarist, bassist, composer, bandleader and storyteller focusing on positive, uplifting recordings and live performances. Her group Sitarsys brings together western and eastern instruments played by a group of creative musicians in a variety of groupings, from trio to octet, performing originals and covers.

Other genres: Jazz | R&B/Soul

Sones de México Ensemble

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: sonesdemexico.com
Contact: juan@sonesdemexico.com

Sones de México Ensemble is a GRAMMY-nominated folk music organization specializing in Mexican 'son', including the regional styles of huapango, gustos, chilenas, son jarocho and more. Promoting Mexican folk music through award-winning programs since 1994, the ensemble has developed and popularized many original arrangements of traditional tunes, and has toured extensively both nationally and internationally.

Surabhi Ensemble

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: surabhiensemble.org
Contact: surabhiensemble@gmail.com

Surabhi Ensemble performs original and traditional music, including dance raga, maqam and flamenco, with a message of cultural acceptance and inclusion. Over the past several years, the ensemble has represented Chicago with global projects to 4 continents.

WORLD/TRADITIONAL/INDIGENOUS

Los Vicios De Papá

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: facebook.com/lvdpsoundsystem
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Los Vicios De Papá is a high energy Latin Ska fusion band. Starting with a passion for ska and reggae, Los Vicios De Papá has evolved into an 7-piece band arranging cumbia and reggae mixes meant for dancing.

Other genres: Hip Hop

Ugochi Nwaogwugwu

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: africanbuttafly.com
Contact: ugo2dachi@gmail.com

Ugochi Nwaogwugwu leads a sextet bringing international music from Nigeria, Jamaica and Cuba to Chicago communities for cultural enrichment and development of diversity, promoting the concept of love and healing through music and word.

Other genres: House | Jazz | R&B

Vagando

Genre: World/Traditional/Indigenous
Web: facebook.com/vagandoband
Contact: suzanneharrismusic@gmail.com

Vagando is a world music dance band fusing Latin, Middle Eastern, pop, and rock music. Founded in 2006 by Ferris Hermes, an Assyrian Iraqi immigrant, the band members have lived and played all over the world.

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