

Chicago Jazz Festival Schedule 2025

(schedule is subject to change)

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St.

Preston Bradley Hall

- 11 a.m. - Noon
Presented by Asian Improv
Hana Fujisaki Trio
- 12:15-1:15 p.m.
Presented by Illiana Club of Traditional Jazz
John Skillman's New Normal Jazz Band
- 1:45-2:45 p.m.
Presented by South Side Jazz Coalition
Big Bari Band
- 3:15-5 p.m.
Presented by the Jazz Institute of Chicago
"What is this thing called Jazz?"

Claudia Cassidy Theater

- 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Presented by Elastic Arts Foundation
STOMACHS
- 12:45-1:45 p.m.
Presented by Live the Spirit Residency
The Young Masters directed by Ernest Dawkins
- 2:15-3:15 p.m.
Presented by Fulton Street Collective
Greg Fundis Quintet - Performing Herbie Hancock's THRUST
- 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Presented by Hyde Park Jazz Society
Charles Heath Quartet

Millennium Park, Jay Pritzker Pavilion

- 7:45-9 p.m. - esperanza spalding
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Henry Johnson

Friday, August 29, 2025

Jay Pritzker Pavilion

- 7:45-9 p.m. - Monty Alexander
- 6:10-7:25 p.m. - Patricia Barber
- 5:05-5:50 p.m. - Silvia Manrique and Marcel Bonfim
- 4-4:45 p.m. - Sarah Marie Young
- 3:45-4 p.m. - Emcee Intro Remarks + National Anthem + Lift Every Voice
- *3:15-3:45 p.m. - Windy City Ramblers

**Second Line Band performance in Jay Pritzker Pavilion + Great Lawn.*

Von Freeman Pavilion

- 3-4 p.m. - Marques Carroll Trumpet Summit
- 1:50-2:45 p.m. - La Cantera featuring Daniel Díaz and Alexander López
- 12:40-1:35 p.m. - The Regulators
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. - Elaine Dame

WDCB Jazz Lounge

- 6:45-7:45 p.m. - Isaiah Spencer Quintet
- 4:30-6:15 p.m. - Dakarai Barclay Sextet
- 3:15-4 p.m. - BETTER TOGETHER (Set 2)
- 2:15-4 p.m. - Jo Ann Daugherty
- 2:15-3 p.m. - Jo Ann Daugherty & Friends (Set 1)
- Noon - 1:45 p.m. - Alyssa Allgood Quintet

Saturday, August 30, 2025

Jay Pritzker Pavilion

- 7:45-9 p.m. - Kermit Ruffins & the Barbeque Swingers
- 6:25-7:25 p.m. - Gary Bartz & NTU Troop
- 5:05-6:05 p.m. - Ernest Dawkins Ensemble New Horizons Redux
- 4-4:45 p.m. - Ava Logan Quintet

- 3:45-4 p.m. - Emcee Intro Remarks + National Anthem + Lift Every Voice
- *3:15-3:45 p.m. - Windy City Ramblers

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Von Freeman Pavilion

- 3-4 p.m. - Victor Garcia Septet
- 1:50-2:45 p.m. - Reggie Thomas and Trio Nexus
- 12:40-1:35 p.m. - Twin Talk
- 11:30 a.m. -12:25 p.m. - Josie Falbo Quintet

WDCB Jazz Lounge

- 6:45-7:45 p.m. - Quentin Coaxum's "Satellite"
- 4:30-6:15 p.m. - Jeremy Kahn Trio with special guest Isabella Isherwood
- 2:15-4 p.m. - Ben Paterson Organ Trio
- Noon - 1:45 p.m. - Maddie Vogler Sextet

Harris Theater Rooftop Terrace - Next Generation of Jazz

- 3-4 p.m. - Kenwood Academy High School Jazz Band
- 2-2:45 p.m. - Whitney Young Jazz Ensemble
- 1-1:45 p.m. - Jones College Prep Jazz Band
- Noon - 12:45 p.m. - MYAC Jazz Combo
- 11 a.m. - Noon - The Chicago Academy for the Arts Jazz Combo

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Jay Pritzker Pavilion

- 7:45-9 p.m. - Eliades Ochoa
- 6:25-7:25 p.m. - Ari Brown Quintet
- 5:05-6:05 p.m. - G. Thomas Allen Quintet
- 4-4:45 p.m. - Natalie Scharf Quintet featuring Paul Asaro
- 3:45-4 p.m. - Emcee Intro Remarks + National Anthem + Lift Every Voice

- *3:15-3:45 p.m. - Windy City Ramblers

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Von Freeman Pavilion

- 3-4 p.m. - Thadeus Tukes Sextet
- 1:50-2:45 p.m. - Maison Électronique
- 12:40-1:35 p.m. - Abigail Riccards Trio
- 11:30-12:25 p.m. - Ben Waltzer Quartet

WDCB Jazz Lounge

- 6:45-7:45 p.m. - Denise Thimes Quintet
- 4:30-6:15 p.m. - Kyle Swan Quartet
- 2:15-4 p.m. - Neal Alger's Here and Now
- Noon - 1:45 p.m. - Joel Paterson's Green Mill All-Stars

Harris Theater Rooftop Terrace - Next Generation of Jazz

- 3-4 p.m. - FM Trio
- 2-2:45 p.m. - .VOM
- 1-1:45 p.m. - Aaron Kaufman-Levine Quartet
- Noon - 12:45 p.m. - Kevin King Regime
- 11 a.m. - Noon - Jack Nelson Ciavash