

2018

Thursdays at Twilight

May-August

Pavilion of the Two Sisters • New Orleans Botanical Garden • New Orleans City Park
Gates open at 5pm – Music begins at 6pm • Admission \$10

May 3 – Patrice Fisher & Arpa with Special Guests from Guatemala: Rony Hernandez - singer/guitarist, Lenin Fernandez - percussionist, and Roberto Luz - flutist, join harpist Patrice Fisher to perform a blend of music from Central, South & North America.

May 10 – Lena Prima: Born in show business and raised on the road with her famous dad, Lena Prima, singer/songwriter/artist, has earned her own reputation around the country for her energetic charismatic performances. She will perform her father's songs as well as some of her original tunes.

lenaprima.com

May 17 – Creole String Beans: New Orleans party band with a repertoire that ranges far and wide from Fats Domino and Bobby Charles to Duke Ellington. Declared by Offbeat Magazine as playing "the best straight up Swamp Pop in New Orleans".

creolestringbeans.com

May 24 – Ladies of Soul: You know Naydja CoJoe, Rechelle Cook, and Sharon Martin as "The Ladies of Soul", having performed at the Garden with "The Mystics". They will not only sing a bit of Motown, but also Jazz, R & B, and familiar New Orleans tunes.

May 31 – Harvey Jesus and Fire: "Harvey Jesus and Fire" is Louisiana's premiere dance band and has performed all over the Gulf South and Las Vegas. With the most extensive song list in their musical arsenal, it is sure to be a great evening of music.

harveyjesus.com

Jun 7 – Evan Christopher: Anchored in the music created by early clarinetists such as Sidney Bechet, Omer Simeon, and Barney Bigard, Evan Christopher strives to extend the legacy of the new Orleans clarinet style. The New York Times called Christopher's intimate style "close-encounter music" and The Observer, UK remarked that his respect for music traditions of New Orleans is "A triumph, joining the present seamlessly to a glorious past."

clarinetroad.com

Jun 14 – Ronnie Kole: Jazz pianist Ronnie Kole's smooth sound and elegant demeanor have earned him respect from musicians across the globe. Kole sharpened his skills in Al Hirt's Club and Kole's Corner on Bourbon Street. He was inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame in 2012.

ronniekole.com

Jun 21 – Julio and Cesar: Originally from Guatemala, Julio and Cesar Herrera have been in New Orleans for over 30 years. They describe their music as constantly evolving, attributing this to their exposure from an early age to many cultures.

julioandcesar.com

Jun 28 – Rocky's Hot Fox Trot Orchestra: Celebrate the traditions of our New Orleans swing era with an energetic, upbeat, patriotic concert. The program will include hits from the era of the WWII "greatest generation", popular modern tunes, and patriotic tributes.

rockyshfto.blogspot.com

Jul 5 – Bobby Cure and The Poppa Stoppas: Join "Bobby Cure and the Poppa Stoppas" for a rocking good evening as they travel back in time to the Doo-Wop days of the 50s when the Moon was Blue and the question of the day was, "Why Do Fools Fall In Love"?

Jul 12 – Klezmer All-Stars: This band has formed a unique approach to traditional melodies and a way of writing in a style that leads to a sort of Yiddish Impressionism – keeping audiences dancing but cutting to the depths of their cultural imagination, even where they didn't realize they had one.

klezmerallstars.com

Jul 19 – Tim Laughlin: Tim Laughlin began playing the clarinet at age eight, and has composed original New Orleans jazz, as heard on his award winning CD, "The Isle of Orleans". His songs have been heard on television, commercials, and major motion pictures.

timlaughlin.com

Jul 26 – Hot Club of New Orleans: "The Hot Club of New Orleans" takes the swing era music of Duke Ellington, Django Reinhardt, and Stephan Grappelli (among others), retains the classic groove and then infuses it with their own modern sensibilities.

Aug 2 – Bruce Daigrepoint: When Bruce was growing up his father picked the guitar, "Carter Family-style," while his Uncle Alton lent a remarkable voice to traditional Cajun songs and old-time country ballads. Bruce has popularized Cajun music and dance in New Orleans.

brucedaignrepoint.com

Aug 9 – Sarah Quintana: Sarah Quintana is a singer-songwriter from New Orleans with a background rich in jazz, folk, and popular music. She is a charming performer, devoted guitarist and her voice is instantly recognizable. Quintana splits her time between the U.S.A. and France touring on her own repertoire with French and American musicians.

sarahquintana.com

Aug 16 – Banu Gibson: Banu stands at the top of her field. A superior and swinging jazz singer, Banu is one of the few vocalists of her generation to maintain exclusive loyalty to songs of the 1920s, 30s, and 40s. Her enthusiasm and showmanship are highlighted by her versatility.

banugibson.com

Aug 23 – Roamin' Jasmine: This talented swing jazz band's repertoire explores 1920s speakeasy blues, vintage Calypso from Trinidad, and seminal 1950s New Orleans Rhythm & Blues, all set to traditional jazz instrumentation with original arrangements.

roaminjasmine.com

Aug 30 – Leroy Jones: Leroy Jones has been a central figure in the New Orleans Jazz since the mid-seventies and continues to expand and refine his musicianship in ways that manifest his multifaceted talent. "For young musicians like me, Leroy was exciting. For the older ones, he was the keeper of the flame, but Leroy did more than keep the flame. He started a forest fire". - Harry Connick, Jr.

Mint juleps, wine, beer, soft drinks and food available. No outside food or drink or pets allowed.

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