

2015 THURSDAYS AT TWILIGHT CONCERT SERIES

MAY – AUGUST

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

May 7: 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 and has recorded 32 cd/lp's. This New Orleans-based pianist keeps busy performing concerts across the United States, Europe and Asia. www.ronniekole.com

May 14: Bon Operatit! – Consists of New Orleans opera singers Lauren Mouney Gisclair, Jesse Nolan, and Mary Penick Akin. From la Bohème to Phantom of the Opera, they perform a perfect pairing of opera and musical theatre hits that are sure to invigorate the senses. www.bonoperatit.com

May 21: Boogiemen Swing Band – The Boogiemen Swing Band will be performing the music of Frank Sinatra, Michael Bublé, Harry Connick, Jr. and more....." Don't miss this special night of music! www.boogiemen-nola.com

May 28: Tanya and Dorise – Tanya and Dorise had numerous standing ovations at last year's performance. Usually seen performing on the streets in the French Quarter, violinist Tanya and guitarist Dorise bring their musical talents indoors for our concert series. Music is what brought Tanya from Taiwan, and Dorise from Connecticut to New Orleans. Tanya and Dorise will perform a variety of music, including jazz, blues, rock, and soul. Don't miss this concert. It will be fun. www.tanyadorise.com

June 4: Creole String Beans – The classic New Orleans party band with exceptional taste in song selection and a repertoire that ranges far and wide from Fats Domino and Bobby Charles to Duke Ellington. Called "the best tasting band in New Orleans" by Chef John Besh, the Creole String Beans have defined a new era in 21st century "Y'at Rock." www.creolestringbeans.com

June 11: The Yat Pack – The Yat Pack is a New Orleans based band modeled on the 60's Vegas swing era. They will perform classic big band numbers by Frank Sinatra, Louis Prima, Dean Martin, and Bobby Darin as well as contemporary artists like Michael Bublé, Billy Joel, and Harry Connick, Jr. They will also mix in a heavy dose of good old New Orleans R&B. www.theyatpack.com

June 18: John Boutté – Voted best male vocalist of the year at both the Best of the Beat and the Big Easy Awards. His song "Tremé" is the theme song of the popular HBO series. Those who were lucky to attend his sold out concert last year were part of a magical night. Don't miss this year's show. www.johnboutte.com

June 25: Symphony Chorus of New Orleans – This year's program will feature classical selections and will also celebrate "New Orleans in Song" www.symphonychorus.org

July 2: Rocky's Hot Fox Trot Orchestra – Celebrate the tradition 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. This swing ensemble features a full horn section with vocals. rockyshfto.blogspot.com/

July 9: 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, in part, to their exposure from an early age to many cultures. www.julioandcesar.com

July 16: Hot Club of New Orleans – The Hot Club of New Orleans take the swing era music of Duke Ellington, Django Reinhardt, and Stephan Grappelli (among others), retain the classic groove, and then infuse it with their own modern sensibilities. www.hotclubofneworleans.com

July 23: Bruce Daigrepoint – Music came to Bruce at an early age, and in the most traditional manner—handed down from father to son. When he was growing up, no family gathering was complete without a little playing and singing. His father picked the guitar, while his Uncle Alton lent a remarkable voice to the traditional Cajun songs and old-time country ballads. Bruce almost single-handedly has popularized Cajun music and Cajun dancing in New Orleans. www.bruceidaigrepoint.com

July 30: Banu Gibson – Gibson stands virtually 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. A powerful force on stage, her enthusiasm and showmanship are highlighted by her wide range and versatility. www.banugibson.com

August 6: Leroy Jones Quintet – Leroy has been a central figure in the New Orleans jazz scene since the mid-seventies and continuously expands and refines his musicianship. "I remember Leroy years ago in New Orleans. He was always regarded as the greatest. No one could touch him. For young musicians like me, he was exciting, intimidating. 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. spiritofneworleans.com/leroy.htm

August 13: Gal Holiday and the Honky Tonk Revue – The Honky Tonk Revue plays vintage honky tonk, rockabilly and classic country music with a heavy dose of western swing. They have a deep-seated love and appreciation for the tried and true honky tonk sound. www.galholiday.com

August 20: Pfister Sisters – Holley Bendtsen, Yvette Voelker, Debbie Davis and Amasa Miller comprise one of the few groups that represent the New Orleans swing era, with their recreation of the Boswell Sisters arrangements, and the only act featuring vocal jazz harmony. They bring joy to your soul, harmony to your ears, and the best and biggest boogie-woogie to your feet. www.pfistersisters.com

August 27: Ten Year Katrina Anniversary with Paul Soniat and Special Guests – The garden's own, singer/songwriter Paul Soniat, along with special guest artists, will perform a program with emphasis on "Songs of Katrina" remembering how our life was when Katrina hit, and to celebrate the incredible growth and rebirth from the devastation we all faced ten years ago. www.paulsoniat.com

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

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