



Music in the Park 2017

Free performances - - Beginning at 7:00 p.m.
Sinnissippi Park Music Shell, 1401 N. Second St., Rockford IL
Rain Site: Guilford High School

Presented by MembersAlliance Credit Union
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IN CONCERT

Tuesday, June 6

***Rain date: Wednesday, June 7**

Phantom Regiment
Drum & Bugle Corps

The Phantom Regiment presents its 2017 program as well as favorites from past years. The Phantom Regiment is a world-class youth arts organization founded in 1956, and based in Rockford. Its crown jewel is the Phantom Regiment Drum & Bugle Corps, which won Drum Corps International's World Championship titles in 1996 and 2008.

Thursday, June 8

Rosie & the Rivets

Premier Retro Rock 'n Roll Show

Rosie & The Rivets perform the best music of the 1950s and 1960s along with some current hits with a retro twist. You'll hear your favorite rock & roll, girl group, rockabilly, British invasion, surf, and soul authentically and expertly performed by professional entertainers. This is not your typical "oldies band;" this is a high-octane show you don't want to miss.

Tuesday, June 13

"Those Summer Winds"

Performed by the Rockford Concert Band

Bill Petersen, Conductor
Matt Eaton, Snare Drum and John Hartman, Vocalist

Thursday, June 15

Monroe Crossing

Bluegrass

Named in honor of Bill Monroe, Monroe Crossing dazzles audiences with an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, and heartfelt originals. Their airtight harmonies, razor sharp arrangements, and on-stage rapport make them audience favorites across the United States and Canada.

Tuesday, June 20

"Broadway In the Park"

Performed by the Rockford Concert Band

Bill Petersen, Conductor
Matt Guschl, Oboe and Bryn Shiffman, Vocalist

Thursday, June 22

Harlan Jefferson

Jazz, Neo-Soul and Funk

The Award Winning Harlan Jefferson Band performs a mixture of jazz, neo-soul and funk, featuring some of the most talented musicians in the area. If you're familiar with groups like The Gap Band, Grover Washington Jr., and Michael Jackson, you will love the Harlan Jefferson Band.

Tuesday, June 27

Patriotic Concert

Performed by the Rockford Concert Band

Tom Huber, Conductor
Matthew Danz-Tauer, Trombone and Karen Kahler, Vocalist

Thursday, June 29

Rhythm Rockets

Jump Blues and Swing

Since 1996, Chicago's Rhythm Rockets has been a mainstay of the Chicago music scene, performing vintage rhythm & blues, with songs influenced by the sax-driven bands of the 1940s and 1950s. From original compositions to matchless arrangements of vintage classics, the Rhythm Rockets deliver danceable, high-energy music in an authentic stage show appealing to audiences of all ages.

Tuesday, July 4

No Concert

Thursday, July 6

The Jodi Beach Trio

The Art, Beauty, and Grace of Vocal Jazz

The Jodi Beach Trio is a group of seasoned musicians who can change the mood from romance ballads to upbeat swing with style and class.

Tuesday, July 11

"Music Around the World"

Performed by the Rockford Concert Band

Chip Braker, Conductor

Jim Martindale, Cornet and Anna Saltsgiver, Vocalist

Thursday, July 13

Miles Nielsen

& the Rusted Hearts

Western-influenced Indie Rock and Classic '60s Soul

Miles Nielsen and his band, The Rusted Hearts, have toured the world (recently spending much of 2017 in Europe). Their travels are as diverse as the influences on their sound, which ranges from Otis Redding's classic soul to Jellyfish's cult power pop recordings. You won't want to miss this distinctly Rockfordian sound.

Tuesday, July 18

"Reflections in Sound"

Performed by the Rockford Concert Band

Bill Petersen, Conductor

Ken Jarczyk, Alto Sax and Leslie Eiler-Thompson, Vocalist

Thursday, July 20

Dwayne Dopsie

& the Zydeco Hellraisers

High-Energy Zydeco

"America's Hottest Accordion" winner, Dwayne Dopsie plays a unique, high-energy style of zydeco. Dwayne hails from one of the most influential zydeco families in the world. Although inspired by tradition, he has developed his own style that defies existing stereotypes, and blazes a refreshingly distinct path for 21st century zydeco music. This singer/songwriter and accordionist has performed all over the world.

Tuesday, July 25

"The Great American Songbook"

Performed by the Rockford Concert Band

Bill Petersen, Conductor

George Espanio, Horn and Jodi Beach, Vocalist

Thursday, July 27

Blooze Brothers

Special Appearance by the Blooze Mobile

Officially endorsed by Dan Aykroyd and The Belushi Estate, this high-powered, choreographed 11-piece show band covers music from the '40s to today: Motown, soul, R&B, classic rock, swing, and of course, the music and crazy antics of the famous original Blues Brothers!

Tuesday, August 1

Rock Valley Summer Festival

Orchestra

Orchestral Works by Dvorak, Rossini, Vivaldi

The Rock Valley Festival Orchestra is made up of musicians from the Music Academy in Rockford, Rock Valley College, the Rockford Symphony Orchestra and local professional musicians. Now in its fifth season, the orchestra is led by Rock Valley College music professor and Rockford Symphony Principal Cellist, Michael Beert.

Thursday, August 3

Can't Touch This

Funk, Party and Dance Band

Can't Touch This plays dance music from the '70s to today, such as Cee Lo Green, Chaka Khan, Earth Wind and Fire, Kool and the Gang, and all other popular funk and R&B. They dress up, you get down.