

# Chicago Summer Fun!

## SUMMER LONG EVENTS

### **All summer | Hyde Park Art Center | Hyde Park**

Visit the Hyde Park Art Center for Center Sundays! Center Sundays is a family-friendly filled day of art-making activities, workshops, and artist talks every first Sunday of the month.

### **May 1 - October | Lincoln Park Green City Farmers Market | Lincoln Park**

Green City Market is a marketplace for local, sustainable food that educates, promotes and connects farmers and local producers directly to chefs, restaurateurs and the greater Chicago community.

### **May 5 - October 27 | Logan Square Farmers Market | Logan Square**

Come find a rotating roster of 80 of your favorite local farm and food purveyors all season long.

### **May 7 - July 8 | Music Box Garden Movies | Music Box Theatre**

Enjoy this outdoor, extended space with a brand new projector and screen and improved audio system at the historic Music Box Theatre. Movie programming is split into themed weeks.

### **May 29 - September 6 | Music on the Lake | Navy Pier**

Hear live music at Live on the Lake on Saturdays and Sundays in the beer garden at Navy Pier that is free for all ages.

### **June 1 - August 31 | Tuesdays on the Terrace | Museum Of Contemporary Art Chicago**

Summer Tuesdays come alive at the MCA's Anne and John Kern Terrace Garden with free music highlighting artists from Chicago's internationally renowned jazz community.

### **June 4 - September 11 | Movies in the Park | Various Parks**

Explore the city to find great movies in local parks. Always free and always fun!

### **Jun 13 - Aug 22 | Porch Jams | Lakeview and Roscoe Village**

Join us for our PorchJams Series, a socially-distanced neighborhood concert series taking place on Sundays from 4-6pm on a different front porch in Lakeview or Roscoe Village each week!

### **Jun 13 - Oct 24 | Illinois Brewery Running Series | Multiple Venues**

Go for a run and replenish your electrolytes with a beer during this series of 5K walks and runs, that take place at breweries throughout Chicago!

**Every Second Sunday, June - September | Summer Sundaes | Lincoln Park**

The Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce (LPCC) is excited to launch Lincoln Park Summer Sundaes. This monthly celebration will feature free ice cream, entertainment, and photo opportunities as well as retail promotions, summer brunch and cocktail specials along the street.

**Until Aug 28 | El Jolgorio de Salsa y Más | Ukrainian Village**

Every Saturday, the Puerto Rican Cultural Center will host local street vendors, take in cultural performances such as DJs and salsa dancers.

**Until Aug 31 | WNDR Museum | West Loop**

See Chicago's only Infinity Mirror Room (by Yayoi Kusama), along with several other installations that use artificial intelligence, sounds, visuals and scents.

**Until Oct 24 | Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes | Museum of Science and Industry**

If you're a Marvel superfan, this one's for you! You'll find more than 300 items on display, include costumes and props from Marvel movies and original art created for the company's comic books.

**Until Oct 31 | Human+Nature | Morton Arboretum, Suburbs**

See five towering sculptures by South African artist Daniel Popper at the Morton Arboretum's new outdoor exhibition, which spreads the 15- to 26-foot-tall works throughout the natural area.

**Until Nov 28 | Immersive Van Gogh | Old Town**

50 digital projects will cover the 35-foot walls with the works of Vincent Van Gogh, accompanied by scores that blend electronic and classical.

**Basically forever (until 2023) | Maxwell Street Market | West Loop**

The market sets up on nearby Desplaines Street (between Roosevelt and Howard) every Sunday, where visitors will find vendors hawking their wares, an abundance of delicious Mexican food and occasional performances by local bands and dance troupes.

**August 2 - September 13 | Summer Concert Series | Millennium Park**

Get a seat or sit on the lawn to see free weekly concerts, showcasing a broad spectrum of musicians — both established and emerging.



## JUNE

### **12 - 13 | Old Town Art Fair | Lincoln Park**

The Old Town Art Fair returns, hosting the work of more than 200 artists on the streets of the Near North Side neighborhood. Attendees can also take a self-guided tour of more than 50 local gardens, enjoy live music from local performers and explore a selection of food and drinks provided by area restaurants and vendors. FREE

### **18 - 20 | Chicago Craft Beer Fest | Fulton Market**

Highlights include daily afternoon tastings where visitors who purchase a pass can sample from a pool of more than 40 specialty beers lovingly crafted by 35-plus local, regional and national breweries.

### **21 | Make Music Chicago | Grant Park**

Unlike a typical music festival, Make Music Chicago is open to anyone who wants to take part. Every kind of musician—young and old, amateur and professional—takes to the streets, parks, plazas, and porches of Chicago to share music of all genres with friends, neighbors and strangers. All of it is free and open to the public.

### **24 | Lot Jams | Montrose Ave**

Sonic Octopus performs an upbeat blend of Caribbean and Latin dance music from across the popular and sub cultural spectrum.

### **25 | Bridges // Puentes East Side Pride Parade & Rally | East Side**

Bridges // Puentes encourages you to come out and celebrate PRIDE with a nonprofit community organization that stands for equity for all. Wear rainbows, bring flags, signs and your wonderful selves.

### **Postponed - Dates TBA | Chicago Food Truck Fest | South Loop**

Join us as we gather up to 45+ gourmet food trucks, for a foodie heaven of tasting chef prepared dishes and delighting the palate with a splash of Sangria or some America's Beer Capital's Best Beers. Also, did we mention games and live music!

### **26 | Navy Pier Pride | Navy Pier**

Enjoy a variety of performances and fun for the entire family all day and night on Saturday, June 26th. Experience storytelling, music, dance, and activities Pier-wide with live music in the Beer Garden. This event will feature performers such as Chicago Gay Men's Chorus & Radio Gaga.

### **26 - 27 | Pride in the Park | Grant Park**

Held the day before Chicago's annual LGBTQ Pride Parade, this ALL-NEW FEST at the Petrillo Bandshell will celebrate June's Pride Month and will feature top national and local performers

such as Iggy Azalea, Steve Aoki, Coco Montrese, and Alexis Michelle.. It will also feature an eclectic mix of food and arts & crafts vendors

### **27 | NNA Garden Walk | Oakley Ave. & Grace St.**

This year's event will feature over 30 beautiful gardens as well as live music from local bands and musicians!



## **JULY**

### **2 - 4 | African/Caribbean International Festival of Life | Washington Park**

The International Festival of Life is a family festival that unites and brings people of various backgrounds together through lots of music, food, arts, crafts, games and more. It presents the best of Reggae and World Music including pop, R&B, House, Gospel, African, Latin and more.

### **2 - 4 | Windy City Ribfest | Uptown**

With an annual attendance of over 40,000, this festival proves that Chicago doesn't take its ribs lightly. Taste a variety of different ribs from renowned barbecuing pros, who compete for the Best Ribs award. The festival runs until 10 p.m. nightly. Lawrence and Broadway.

### **2 - August 21 | Grant Park Music Festival | Parks Around Chicago**

Concerts around the parks of Chicago most Wednesdays through Sundays during the month of July and August



#### **4 | Navy Pier Fireworks | Navy Pier**

Enjoy the spectacular view of both the city and the lake from Navy Pier, and take in the fireworks at 9:30 PM. If you can't make it, no worries! Navy Pier will be having biweekly firework shows from May 29 - August 21 (every Wednesday and Saturday).

#### **7 - 11 | Taste of Chicago To-Go | Across the City**

The Taste of Chicago is the nation's premier free-admission food festival showcasing the diversity of Chicago's dining scene, alongside a smorgasbord of cooking demonstrations, music concerts, art activations and family fun.

#### **9 - 11 | Windy City Smokeout | United Center**

Hosted by popular barbecue joint, Bub City, and ACM award-winning, Joe's Bar, Windy City Smokeout will feature live performances from country music's biggest names and up-and-coming talent plus the best BBQ and craft beer from around the country.

#### **10 - 11 | Southport Art Fest | W. Waveland Ave. & N. Southport Ave.**

This two-day festival will feature some of the city's best and most diverse artists, with forms from oil acrylic, watercolor, jewelry, sculpture, photography, wood, fiber, glass, paper, metal, and mixed media at center stage all weekend long.

#### **11 - September 26 | Sundays on State | State St.**

Chicago's most iconic street, State Street, will close to traffic from Lake to Madison on select Sundays this summer and transform into an open street full of surprises beginning July 11.

#### **14 - 18 | County Fair | St. Charles, Illinois**

Kane County Fair is an old-fashioned fair with farm animals, a petting zoo, a midway, a demolition derby, live music, and fair food in St. Charles.

#### **15 | Taco Crawl | Rogers Park**

Local restaurants will be serving their signature tacos while you stroll Clark St. and get to know the community.

#### **15 - 19 | Chicago Auto Show | McCormick Place**

If you're a car person, then this is the event for you! The Chicago Auto Show is the largest auto show in North America and will feature over 1,000 cars on display! Tickets are available online for \$13.

#### **16 - 18 | Millennium Art Festival | Michigan Ave**

An array of artwork, including paintings, ceramics, photography, and furniture, showcases the talents of more than 110 juried artists who participate in this city-centric festival. FREE

**17 - 18 | Bucktown Neighborhood & Garden Walk | Bucktown**

Stroll through urban gardens while enjoying live music and visual artists during this unique event showcasing the Bucktown neighborhood.

**17 - 18 | Belmont Sheffield Music Fest | Lakeview**

Don't miss top local tribute bands on the main stage (near Roscoe), great eats, libations (beer and wine) and artisans. Also expect an eclectic "community" entertainment stage near Belmont filled with fun neighborhood music acts, deejays and other performers.

**23 - 24 | Chicago Latin Jazz Festival | Humboldt Park**

The Chicago Latin Jazz Festival will feature a drive-in concert experience featuring a line-up of the hottest Latin Jazz ensembles. Pre-registration is required and nets you free admission!

**23 - 25 | Wicker Park Music Festival | Wicker Park**

Wicker Park Fest is one of the most anticipated of Chicago's summer festivals, offering "the best in music, food, arts, fashion, kids entertainment, and shopping."

**24 - 25 | Colombian Fest | Humboldt Park**

Colombian Fest celebrates Colombian and Latin culture through song, dance, food, and community. Food trucks, local arts and craft vendors, musical performers, and a kids zone will all be present. Children younger than 12 years of age are free.

**24 - 25 | Taste of Lincoln Avenue | Lincoln Park**

Sprawling over several city blocks in the heart of the vibrant Lincoln Park neighborhood, the Taste of Lincoln Avenue festival will offer two music stages, a kid's carnival, wine and whiskey tasting for adults, a Chocolate-fest area, along with many other vendors. A \$10 ticket gets you an all-day entry!

**29 - Aug 1 | Lollapalooza | Grant Park**

You may have heard of it. This year's festival will span four days and feature a variety of artists including The Foo Fighters, Post Malone, Jack Harlow, Miley Cyrus, Journey, Megan Thee Stallion, Tyler the Creator and so many others. Held in Grant Park along the Lakefront, this festival is bound to be a good time!

**30 - Aug 1 | Jeff Fest Music Fest | Jefferson Memorial Park**

Get down to great tunes with a classic rock focus, tasty foods, family fun and more at the 20th annual summer happening that is Jeff Fest!

**31 | Wrigleyville Art Market | Wrigley Field**

50 select artists and artisans will be showing and selling their handmade arts and crafts at this one day pop-up show outside of Wrigley Field! Admission is free and there is lots of street and garage parking around Gallagher Way!

**31 - Aug 1 | Chinatown Summer Fair | 2200 S. Wentworth Ave.**

Chinatown Summer Fair features a lion dance procession, Asian performances, kung fu demonstrations, samplings from Chinatown's restaurants, street vendors, and a children's area with pony rides and a petting zoo. on S. Wentworth Ave. at Cermak Rd. Free.



## AUGUST

**6 - 8 | Northalsted Market Days | Lake View**

Northalsted Market Days is the largest two-day street festival in the Midwest, welcoming 100,000 to the streets of Northalsted (also known as Boystown) for an LGBTQ-friendly summer celebration of music, food and dance.

**6 - 8 | Chicago Michelada Fest | Pilsen**

Vendors like Big Mich, Pinches Miches, Micheladas Los Mochis and Rancheladas will be serving the cocktail throughout this two-day event, accompanied by delicious food, live music and a beer pong tournament.

**7 | Wheaton Brew Fest | Wheaton**

Wheaton, Illinois' annual outdoor craft beer fest takes place in Memorial Park featuring unique brews from local and national breweries.

**7 - 8 | Vintage Days | Long Grove**

Visit Long Grove Vintage Days, a two-day street market, for all things vintage, antique, reclaimed, repurposed, upcycled and handmade.

**14 - 15 | Thirsty Ears Festival | Ravenswood**

Chicago's only classical music street festival! This year will feature seventeen stellar ensembles and soloists performing music from Beethoven to Shostakovich to Reich and everything in between on the main stage.

**14 - 15 | Pilsen Fest | Pilsen**

This outdoor festival will feature renowned musical acts drawing an attendance of 40,000 people.

**20 - 21 | Sangria Festival | Humboldt Park**

Drink Sangria. Idk what else to say.

**20 - 22 | Lyrical Lemonade Summer Smash | North Lawndale**

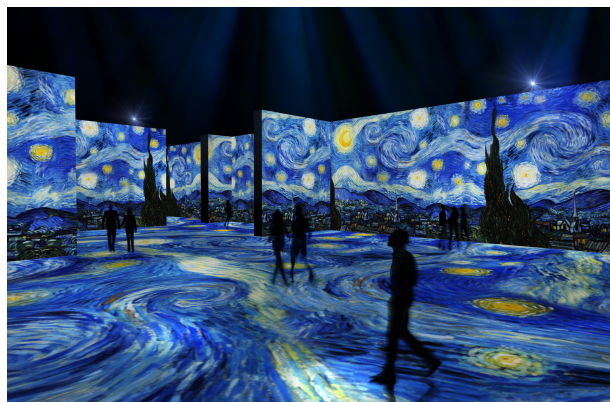
New York emcee A\$AP Rocky, "Drip Too Hard" rapper Lil Baby and frequent Future collaborator Lil Uzi Vert headline the fest. Other highlights on the lineup include "Sunflower" rapper Swae Lee, Soundcloud success story Lil Yachty, Odd Future associate Earl Sweatshirt and heavily memed artist Waka Flocka Flame.

**20 - 22 | Ruido Fest | West Town**

Ruido Fest is one of the only large-scale events in the city that champions the diverse sounds of Latin American pop, electro and rock en español. Headlining acts at the 2021 edition (which returns to Union Park) include Argentine ska band Los Fabulosos Cadillacs, Mexican ska act Panteón Rococó and Mexico City alt-rockers Café Tacuba.

**21 - 22 | Gold Coast Art Fair | Loop**

The award-winning Art Fair welcomes 200 juried artists from across the country to create an exceptional, shoppable weekend experience in Chicago. Tickets are \$10.



**Enjoy Chicago!**