



# GUIDE TO SUMMER IN CHICAGO

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## All Summer

### **Assorted Dates: Millennium Park Summer Music Series | Millennium Park**

Grab a spot on the grass and enjoy free weekly concerts by local and national artists.

### **July 11 -August 29 Tues evenings: Millennium Park Summer Film Series| Millennium Park**

Watch free movies under the stars at this beloved summer event, screening family favorites, cult classics, and beyond.

## JUNE

### **2-4: Lincoln Park Greek Fest | Lincoln Park**

Greek heritage is on full display at this neighborhood street fest, with authentic food, music, and dancing.

### **2-4: Do Division Street Fest | Wicker Park**

Do Division Street Fest takes place on Division Street between Damen and Leavitt in West Town Chicago and features two live music stages, a wide variety of local vendors and food, plenty of ice cold beer, wine and spirits, a dedicated Family Fun Fest area with family activities and stage (which exclusively benefits local elementary schools), plus Do Fashion with local designer runway shows and DJs.

### **3: Chicago Gospel Music Festival | Millennium Park**

This free outdoor concert, celebrating the Chicago-born genre, brings together traditional choirs, contemporary urban gospel artists, and more.

### **3-4: 57th Street Art Fair | Hyde Park**

The 57th Street Art Fair provides an incredible venue for creators of quality fine art and fine craft to meet with the art-buying public. Whether you are looking for glass, jewelry, leather, photography, printmaking, painting, sculpture, digital arts, wood, ceramics or fiber — you are sure to find something special at this one-of-a-kind event.

**8-11: Chicago Blues Fest | Millennium Park**

Billed as the world's largest free blues festival, the 32nd annual bash features live music on five stages and a tribute to Delmark Records.

**10-11: Old Town Art Fair | Old Town**

The Old Town Art Fair has been voted America's #1 Art Fair for the third year in a row and named one of Chicago's favorite festivals! Stroll the charming, tree-lined streets of Chicago's historic Old Town Triangle District. You'll discover 250 nationally acclaimed artists, a Garden Walk, Live Music, Children's activities, Food & Drink and more!

**17-18: Hyde Park Summer Fest | Hyde Park**

This festival marks "the beginning of Summertime Chi" and is back June 11-12 on the Midway Plaisance after a two year hiatus. One-day tickets start at \$49. Headliners include Lupe Fiasco, Busta Rhymes, and Marsha Ambrosius.

**17-18: Pride Fest | Boystown**

A warm-up to the following Sunday's iconic Pride Parade, the annual LGBT community celebration commemorates the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and includes live music on two stages, a pet parade (Sunday), food and drink vendors, arts and crafts, and more. The gate donation benefits the Northalsted Business Alliance. ***51st Annual Pride Parade is Sunday, June 25th—definitely an event you don't want to miss!***

**24: Chicago House Music Festival | Humboldt Park**

Hear house music in the city where it was born at this day-long dance music event, held in historic Humboldt Park.

**24: Taste of Chicago | Grant Park**

Tons of great Chicago food vendors are here as well—definitely an event to check out if you are in the area!

# JULY

**1-4: African/Caribbean International Festival of Life | Washington Park**

Reggae music is at the heart of this Washington Park festival, along with the lifestyle and culture of various African and Caribbean nations.

**7-9: Roscoe Village Burger Fest | Roscoe Village**

Find the best burger in the city at this local favorite, all while enjoying live music and cold drinks.

**8-9: Southport Art Festival | Wrigleyville**

Browse locally made artwork and buy treats from food and drink vendors while listening to live music on three stages. The annual event also features a gospel brunch on Sunday. Gate donations benefit the Southport Neighbors Association.

**14-16: Millennium Art Festival | Loop**

The annual fest showcases more than 110 artists, local food vendors and live music just steps away from Millennium Park. Art ranges from photography to jewelry and everything in between.

**15: Taste of Chicago | Pullman Park**

Tons of great Chicago food vendors are here as well—definitely an event to check out if you are in the area!

**15-16: Bucktown Garden Walk | Bucktown**

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

**16: Sundays on State | Chicago Loop**

Join this free, interactive block party featuring art, culture, shopping, dining, and more.

**21-23: Tacos and Tamales Festival | Pilsen**

Green Curtain Events is proud to announce its return to 16<sup>th</sup> St in Pilsen for their Annual Tacos y Tamales Festival – a street affair based off a traditional Mexican market known as the Tianguis. Festival goers will be immersed into the sights and smells of the Tianguis with local vendors selling their food, artwork, wares and an array of other items. Stay updated with their website: <http://chicagotacofest.com/>

**21-23: Pitchfork | Union Park**

The annual three-day indie music fest features performances from The National, Japanese Breakfast, Toro y Moi, and more. This is a great time for people interested in hearing some lesser known bands as well as those who don't want to deal with the crowds of Lollapalooza! Make sure you get your tickets ahead of time.

**29-30: Chinatown Summer Fair | Chinatown**

This iconic event is one of the most ethnically unique outdoor events in Chicago and the Midwest. Attracting more than 40,000 people from throughout the region, Chinatown Summer Fair is a true celebration of Far East beauty and culture including food, art and music.

**TBD: Fiesta Del Sol | Pilsen**

With an annual draw of around a million people, the block festival in Pilsen celebrates Latin American culture with art, live entertainment, carnival rides, cuisine from a variety of countries, children's activities and more.

# AUGUST

## **12-13: Northalsted Market Days | Boystown**

Located on Halsted between Belmont and Addison, the annual festival draws over 100,000 guests. Taste a variety of dishes and drinks from over 400 vendors, listen to live music, participate in children's activities and more at the end-of-summer event.

## **12-14: Edison Park Fest | Edison Park**

This neighborhood tradition supports local businesses and raises funds for the community.

## **13: Sundays on State | Chicago Loop**

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## **18-20: Ribfest Chicago | Lakeview**

The 18th annual North Center bash features live music from 20 bands, 30 barbecue vendors, rib-eating competitions, and a kids area with inflatables and games. Proceeds benefit the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce.

## **19-20: Ruido Fest | Little Village**

Billed as Chicago's only Latin alternative music festival, Ruido Fest offers a weekend of music in Little Village.

## **19-20: Chicago Air & Water Show | Gold Coast**

Though the show can be viewed from Fullerton to Oak Street along the lakefront, head to North Beach for the best views. The annual event - with a variety of ships and aircrafts from the U.S. Navy and Army - also features parachuters and aerobatics teams. The official line-up is released the week of the show, which runs until 3 p.m. each day.

## **18-20: Glenwood Ave Arts Fest | Rogers Park**

This arts-centric fest has taken over the streets of Rogers Park for the past 20 years, with artists, craft workers, live music, and more.

## **19-20: Sangria Festival | Humboldt Park**

Art, music, entertainment, and sangria. Salud!

## **26: Villapalooza | Little Village**

The Little Village music festival, located on 26th Street, is a platform for local talent and young creatives.

**Full list: <https://www.choosechicago.com/articles/festivals-special-events/chicago-festival-event-guide/#June>**