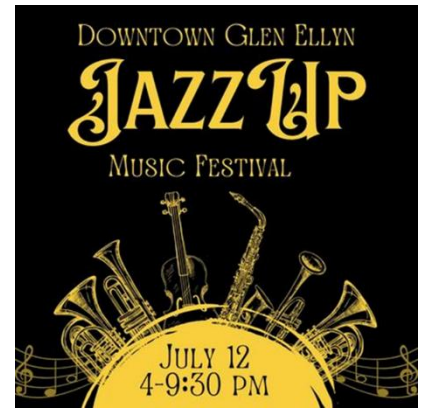


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Jazz Up Music Festival Brings the Best of Midwest Jazz to Downtown Glen Ellyn

Glen Ellyn, IL — Mark your calendars and get ready to jazz up your summer! The Jazz Up Music Festival is back and better than ever, taking place on Saturday, July 12, in the heart of Downtown Glen Ellyn. As the premiere jazz festival of DuPage County, this extraordinary event promises to showcase jazz talents featuring rising stars & legends, offering a full day of rhythm, improvisation, and unforgettable melodies for music lovers of all ages.

Event Highlights

Prepare for a day jam-packed with incredible jazz experiences and community festivities:

- **Jazz Brunch at Nobel House:** Begin your morning on a high note with a delectable Jazz Brunch at 10:00 AM.
- **Jazz Improvisational Master Class:** Join acclaimed jazz artist Lenard Simpson at 1:00 PM for a transformative Jazz Improvisational Master Class.
- **WDCB Jazz Kickoff Party:** Get into the groove at Two Hound Red Brewing Company starting at 2:00 PM, hosted by Chicago's home for Jazz, 90.9fm WDCB.
- **Downtown JAZZ UP Performances:** From 4:00 PM to 9:30 PM, enjoy stellar jazz performances curated by Artist Director Fareed Haque. Bring your chairs and immerse yourself in the vibrant sounds filling the streets of Downtown Glen Ellyn.
- **After Fest Jam Sessions:** The jazz doesn't stop! Head to The Parlour at Park & Oak, Main Street Pub, or Two Hound Red Brewing Company to continue the night with electrifying after fest sessions.
- **Emcee Announced:** Adding another layer of excitement to the festival, Dan Bindert, WDCB's Radio Station Manager, will emcee the event. Known for his devotion to jazz and his engaging presence, Bindert will guide attendees through the day's celebrations, ensuring a seamless and vibrant experience for all.

Jazz Up Music Festival Performance Schedule

This impressive lineup promises an evening filled with both youthful talent and jazz legends, making for an unforgettable celebration of rhythm and artistry. Be sure to arrive early, enjoy the performances, and soak in the atmosphere of Downtown Glen Ellyn!

- 4:00 - 4:50 PM: The DuPage Community Jazz Ensemble featuring Fareed Haque and guest trumpeter Leon Q. Allen
- 5:00 - 5:20 PM: Bellas Artes School of Music Student Jazz Combos
- 5:30 - 6:20 PM: Lenard Simpson Group
- 6:30 - 6:50 PM: 2nd Place Winners from the Bellas Artes School of Music Battle of the Combos
- 7:00 - 7:50 PM: Thaddeus Tukes Group with special guest vocalist Julia Danielle
- 8:00 - 8:20 PM: 1st Place Winners from the Bellas Artes School of Music Battle of the Combos
- 8:30 - 9:20 PM: Ari Brown Group

Event Details

Jazz Up Music Festival attendees are welcome to set up their chairs on Main Street as early as 1:00 PM, allowing you to secure your spot on the quaint streets of historic Downtown Glen Ellyn. Whether you purchase food and drinks from local restaurants or bring your own picnic, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Don't miss the chance to compete in the picnic tablescapes contest, where you could win a \$200 gift card from Marché, the beloved artisan cheese, charcuterie, and wine shop.

Please note: Outside alcohol is not permitted, but participating restaurants and wine shops will have beer, wine, and cocktails available for your enjoyment.

Admission, Directions & additional Information

Admission to the Jazz Up Music Festival is completely FREE, making it accessible for everyone to come enjoy the best of Midwest jazz.

Visit our website for detailed information on artists, locations, an event map, parking information, and directions. We are steps off the Glen Ellyn Metra stop, 2 blocks from parking garages and across the street from the DuPage Prairie Bike Path. downtownglenellyn.com/jazz-up-music-festival

Whether you're a lifelong jazz enthusiast or new to the genre, the Jazz Up Music Festival offers something special for everyone. From intimate performances to large community street concert, this event celebrates the rich artistry of jazz and the joy it brings to the community.

About the Alliance of Downtown Glen Ellyn:

The Alliance of Downtown Glen Ellyn is a 501c3 non-profit organization comprised of dedicated business owners with a goal to be an economic driver for the central business district and to create Glen Ellyn as a destination for Chicagoland. We are supported by the Village of Glen Ellyn, members, sponsors, and events.

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