



GLEN ECHO PARK

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

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Glen Echo Park Partnership Announces Summer Concerts Series for 2021 and a Return to Live Audiences in Park's Historic Bumper Car Pavilion

Glen Echo, Maryland – The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture (the Partnership) will present its 2021 Summer Concerts Series to a live audience in Park's historic Bumper Car Pavilion beginning July 1, 2021. Concerts are **free** and open to the public and feature a variety of local bands and musical genres. Music in the series typically ranges widely – from Country to Reggae, Swing to Latin Jazz, African to Cajun and Blues.

For a decade, the series had been offering music for family audiences under the glittering lights of the Park's covered, open-air Bumper Car Pavilion, but in 2020 all concerts were presented virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Like so many other arts nonprofits, the Partnership made a quick pivot to online concerts, with musicians streaming live from their living rooms, basements, and backyards. It was a way to keep music going and audiences engaged, but, says Executive Director Katey Boerner, "We are so glad to be back to having live music in the Park with a live audience! It's what we've all been waiting more than a year for."

Bench seating is provided in the pavilion, and folding chairs are also allowed. A coloring table to help keep small children busy during the concerts is also provided. Visitors may also enjoy the music from the picnic tables just outside the pavilion; many families enjoy bringing a picnic dinner to eat while listening. Dancers are welcome as well.

For those who are still not comfortable with in-person events, the concerts will also be live streamed on YouTube and also available to watch later.

Information is available on the Park's website at glenechopark.org/summerconcerts

2021 Summer Concert Series Lineup:

July 1: **I and I Riddim (Reggae)**

July 8: **Clarence Turner (Blues)**

July 15: **Capitol Hillbillies (Cajun/Swing)**

July 22: **United States Marine Band**

July 29: **Amadou Koyate (African)**

August 5: **Mike Surratt (Swing)**

August 12: **Washington Balalaika Society (Russian)**

August 19: **United States Marine Band**

August 26: **Patrick Alban & Noche Latina (Latin)**

September 2: **James Bazen Big Band (Big Band Jazz)**

September 9: **The Lovejoy Group (Swing/Standard)**

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High resolution images of previous summer concerts are available by request.

ABOUT GLEN ECHO PARK AND THE GLEN ECHO PARK PARTNERSHIP

Glen Echo Park is a vibrant arts and cultural center presenting festivals, exhibitions, and dances, as well as children's theater, music programs, nature programs, and art classes to more than 375,000 visitors each year. The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, a nonprofit organization, oversees these and other activities, including preserving the historic structures in the Park. Glen Echo Park, part of the National Park Service, is located in Glen Echo, Maryland, six miles northwest of Georgetown along the scenic Potomac River palisades. The **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture** is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council (msac.org) and also by funding from the Montgomery County government and the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (creativemoco.com). All programs are produced in cooperation with the National Park Service and Montgomery County, Maryland.

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