

Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge Announces



Free Friday Night Concerts
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Downtown at Galvez Plaza

Plus, **Discover Baton Rouge Days** with free admission to downtown museums, activities in the Manship Theatre and free music concerts from noon until 3:00 p.m. at Lafayette Park.

The **Sounds of Summer** concert series is part of a parish-wide celebration of the 200th anniversary of the creation of East Baton Rouge Parish. Residents have expressed their appreciation for events such as Sunday in The Park and Live After Five, but they have noted that very little happens in the summer. In response to that request, The Mayor and the Metro Council have joined with the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge and area media sponsors to create The Sounds of Summer music series as a highlight of a host of quality arts culture and entertainment opportunities that will take place in East Baton Rouge Parish from June to August. The celebration will culminate with the Louisiana Balloon Festival in August.

In addition to the Sounds of Summer concerts, the celebration will include two **Discover Baton Rouge Days (Sunday, June 6th and Saturday, July 10th)** with free admission to a variety of downtown museums and attractions, free music concerts in Lafayette Park and a free screening of the adorable family film, *Babe*, at 3:00 p.m. in the Manship Theatre. More Discover Baton Rouge Day activities are being scheduled at this time, and they will be excellent opportunities for families to enjoy our great community.

The Mayor and Metro Council and The Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge will also provide special music presentations at the Louisiana Balloon Festival on Friday and Saturday evenings (times TBD)

Sounds of Summer and Discover Baton Rouge Days
Friday concerts are from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Galvez Plaza
Sunday and Saturday concerts are from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. at Lafayette Park

Friday, June 4th Lil' Malcolm and the House Rockers (Rollicking Zydeco Accordion)



Lil' Malcolm

Sunday, June 6th 1st Discover Baton Rouge Day

Free admission to downtown museums and free screening of *Babe* at the Manship Theatre
Concert: Ben Bell and the Stardust Boys(Western Rockabilly) Noon – 3PM downtown in Lafayette Park



Ben Bell and The Stardust Boys

Friday, June 11th Bonerama (Great New Orleans's Brass Funk)



Bonerama

Friday, June 18th Mia Borders (R&B and Pop, featured in USA Today)



Mia Borders

Friday, June 25th Big Sam's Funky Nation (Best Funk Group at Big Easy Music Awards)



Photo taken by Zack Smith

Big Sam's Funky Nation

Friday, July 2nd (TBA)

Friday, July 9th Eric Lindell (Soul Rock)



Eric Lindell

Saturday, July 10th 2nd Discover Baton Rouge Day
Free admission to downtown museums and free screening at the Manship Theatre
Concert: Noon – 3PM downtown in Lafayette Park

Friday, July 16th After 8 (R&B and Funk with Great Brass Section)



Friday, July 23rd (TBA)

High resolution photographs are available from our press room at our website by clicking here artsbr.org or by contacting Maureen Joyce at (225) 344-8558 ext. 222 or at maureen@acgbr.com.

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