

John Michael Kohler Arts Center



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QUITAPENAS. Photo courtesy of the artist.



Molly Tuttle. Photo courtesy of the artist.



Delgres. Photo: Rémy-Solomon.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center Announces Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series Lineup

On June 22, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center's Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series begins another summer season of free concerts that will bring the community together for 10 family-friendly concerts on the Sheboygan City Green.

Each week, as many as two thousand concertgoers enjoy performances by talented musicians from around the world. The music begins at 6 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

"This year's lineup represents an incredible range of music genres. We'll have everything from rock, pop, and bluegrass to Afro-Caribbean blues, electro jazz, and roots. So, get your dancing shoes ready—it's going to be a fun summer!" said Ann Brusky, deputy director of public programs.

Headlining the season opener on Thursday, June 22, is Tami Neilson. A Canadian-born country/soul artist living in New Zealand, Neilson's new album, *Kingmaker*, exposes industry systems and exploding patriarchal structures.

The June 29 concert features Delgres, a Caribbean blues trio from France whose Creole sound lands somewhere between hypnotized rock, earthy soul, and caustic garage.

The evening of July 6 brings with it Grammy award-winning bluegrass band Molly Tuttle and the Golden Highway. With the release of the band's new album *Crooked Tree*, Tuttle's guitar technique earned her the title Guitar Player of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association.

The following week, the concerts move to the weekend of July 15–16 to merge with the Midsummer Festival of the Arts. Saturday at 11:30 a.m., the featured performer is KAT HIL, a singer/songwriter out of Nashville who is originally from Sheboygan. Rock band Wheatus—known for their 2000 hit single "Teenage Dirtbag"—performs at 2 p.m. On Sunday, Wisconsin's Fox Menagerie brings their brand of pop to the stage at 11:30 a.m. At 2 p.m., Milwaukee-based De La Buena's Afro-Cuban and Latin jazz sounds will flow through the festival.

The following Thursday, July 20, features the Julian Taylor Band, roots musicians from Toronto. The band's breakout album, *The Ridge*, earned them Canada's most prestigious music accolade, the Polaris Music Prize.

Electro jazz-pop artist Grace Kelly will light up the stage July 27 with her masterful jazz improvisation and charismatic stage performance.

On August 3, Miles Nielson & the Rusted Hearts will showcase their diverse rock and Americana sounds. On August 10, QUITAPENAS will have the audience grooving to beats of their Tropical Afro-Latin rhythms.

Carolina pop band The Collection will offer its signature performance style in raucous and rowdy concert season-closing show on August 17.

An array of local food trucks, a beverage tent, and art-making activities for all ages accompanies the on-stage action.

Except where noted, all concerts begin at 6 p.m. with an opening band, followed by the headlining act at 7 p.m. Watch for more details, including the announcement of opening bands, in JMKAC's weekly emails and social media pages, local media outlets, and online at jmkac.org.

The Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series is supported in part by the **Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation**, which partners with communities across America to activate underused public spaces through the power of free live music, creating welcoming, inclusive destinations where people of all ages and backgrounds come together. Thank you to Presenting sponsors **Sargento, Acuity**, and **Lake 98.1**, and funded with support from **Bank First, Festival Foods, Van Horn Automotive, UnitedOne Credit Union**, and **Blue Harbor Resort**. Special thanks to **Laura Kohler and Steve Proudman**. Additional support is also provided by **Encore Luxury Apartments, Wisconsin Public Service Foundation, Marcus Theaters**, and **Kohler Credit Union**.

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Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series Schedule

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June 22: Tami Neilson, *Country/Soul*

June 29: Delgres, *Blues/Folk*

July 6: Molly Tuttle and Golden Highway, *Bluegrass*

Saturday, July 15: (at Midsummer Festival of the Arts)

KAT HIL, *Singer/Songwriter*, 11:30 a.m.

Wheatus, *Rock*, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 16: (at Midsummer Festival of the Arts)

Fox Menagerie, *Pop Reimagined*, 11:30 a.m.

De La Buena, *Afro Cuban/Latin Jazz*, 2:00 p.m.

July 20: Julian Taylor Band, *Roots*

July 27: Grace Kelly, *Electro Jazz-Pop*

August 3: Miles Nielson & the Rusted Hearts, *Rock/Americana*

August 10: QUITAPENAS, *Tropical Afro-Latin*

August 17: The Collection, *Pop*

About the John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Founded in 1967, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center (JMKAC) is dedicated to generating creative exchanges between an international community of artists and a diverse public. Central to its mission is promoting understanding and appreciation of the work of self-taught and contemporary artists through original exhibitions, commissioned works of art, performing arts, community arts initiatives, and publications.

The Arts Center's collection focuses primarily on works by artist-environment builders, self-taught and folk artists, and works created in the Arts/Industry residency program. JMKAC is the world's leading center for research and presentation of artist-built environments.

In June 2021, the Arts Center opened the Art Preserve, a satellite campus highlighting its collection of 25,000 individual works of art by more than 30 art-environment builders. The Art Preserve features immersive displays of art environments and curated visible storage of environment components. It also serves as a resource for research on art environments and the artists who create them.

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center is located at 608 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. The Art Preserve is located at 3636 Lower Falls Road, Sheboygan. Admission to both is free. For more information, call 920-458-6144, or visit jmkac.org, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).

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Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday: 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location

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