



John Michael Kohler Arts Center

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Dustbowl Revival. Photo: Bob Turton.

LEVITT AMP SHEBOYGAN MUSIC SERIES RETURNS TO CITY GREEN JUNE 23

Lineup announced for free, family-friendly outdoor concerts

Free live music that moves you returns to Sheboygan's City Green on Thursday, June 23, when the John Michael Kohler Arts Center presents the first of this summer's Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series events.

The series had become a summer tradition: crowds of people coming together, arranging their blankets and camp chairs, grabbing a bite to eat, and opening themselves up to sharing in a new musical experience. That tradition was interrupted by the pandemic, but the crowds will gather again this year for 11 Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series shows.

The concerts are accompanied by an array of food trucks, an activity tent, and, often, the participation of community organizations.

“From roots rock to Latinx fusion to soul, from Americana to Irish, we have a great lineup of bands for folks to enjoy for free all summer long,” says Arts Center Performing Arts Director Angela Ramey. “You’ll find that no matter the band, no matter the genre, these events are fun for everyone. Grab something to eat from a food truck, let the kids run around, and don’t be afraid of working out some dance moves of your own!”

The series kicks off Thursday, June 23, with headliner Joseph—a trio of sisters from Portland, Oregon. The pop/rock band first made a splash in 2016 with their song “White Flag” topping Billboard’s Adult Alternative Songs chart. The album it came from, *I’m Alone, No You’re Not*, hit the top ten of both the alternative and rock charts.



The Reminders. Photo courtesy of the artist.

Headlining the June 30 concert will be The Reminders. The duo seamlessly blends soulful sounds and roots music with insightful messages and thoughtful lyrics. Brussels-born emcee Big Samir and Queens-born emcee/vocalist Aja Black form a collective creative force that’s hard to beat.

July begins with Americana soul from Dustbowl Revival slated for the evening of the seventh. On July 16 and 17, the series moves to Saturday and Sunday to merge with the Midsummer Festival of the Arts. Featured bands will be Cousin Curtiss at 11:30 a.m. and Bandits on the Run at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, with Copper Box (11:30 a.m.) and Doctor Nativo (2:00 p.m.) taking the stage the Sunday.

Moving back to Thursday nights, July 21 will feature a New Orleans musical experience from Shamarr Allen. Then, on July 28, Ohio-based Bassel & The Supernaturals will offer soulful melodies and funk-inspired rhythms.

An Irish/bluegrass blend from JigJam highlights the August 4 concert. That will be followed by Mile Twelve, a progressive string band, on August 11. Get ready for “guerilla folk” when Lemon Bucket Orkestra, Toronto’s Balkan/klezmer/Gypsy/party-punk band on August 18.

Culminating the 2022 concerts on Thursday, September 29, will be the Latinx fusion band LADAMA. This concert will be held inside the John Michael Kohler Arts Center rather than on the City Green.

LADAMA is a group of four women, virtuosic musicians, and educators—Lara Klaus, Daniela Serna, Mafer Bandola and Sara Lucas—each from different countries and cultures of the Americas, united in song, rhythm and spirit. Harnessing music from Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela and the U.S., the group utilizes traditional and nontraditional instruments with a modern twist to produce a Latin Alternative sound.

The series is produced by the Arts Center and funded in part by a matching grant from the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation.

Except where noted, all concerts begin at 6:00 p.m. with an opening band, followed by the headlining act at 7:00 p.m. Find details including announcement of opening bands, food trucks, parking information and more at jmkac.org. Or, call the John Michael Kohler Arts Center at (920) 458-6144.

The Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series is supported in part by the 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. Levitt.org.

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June 23	7:00 p.m.	Joseph	Pop/Rock
June 30	7:00 p.m.	The Reminders	Hip Hop/Soul
July 7	7:00 p.m.	Dustbowl Revival	Americana Soul
July 16	11:30 a.m.	Cousin Curtiss	Rootstomp
	2:00 p.m.	Bandits on the Run	Indie/Folk/Pop/Americana
July 17	11:30 a.m.	Copper Box	Fusion Roots Rock
	2:00 p.m.	Doctor Nativo	Cumbia Reggae
July 21	7:00 p.m.	Shamarr Allen	Jazz/Funk/Rock
July 28	7:00 p.m.	Bassel & The Supernaturals	Soul
Aug. 4	7:00 p.m.	JigJam	Irish/Bluegrass
Aug. 11	7:00 p.m.	Mile Twelve	Progressive String Band
Aug. 18	7:00 p.m.	Lemon Bucket Orchestra	Guerilla Folk/Party Punk
Sept. 29	7:00 p.m.	LADAMA	Latinx Fusion

ABOUT THE JOHN MICHAEL KOHLER ARTS CENTER

The [John Michael Kohler Arts Center](#) (JMKAC), located north of Milwaukee in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, is known for promoting the understanding and appreciation of the work of self-taught and contemporary artists through exhibitions and commissioned works of art. Founded in 1967, JMKAC has preserved, studied, and exhibited artist-built environments, earning a worldwide reputation. Art environments involve an individual significantly transforming their surroundings into an exceptional, multifaceted work of art.

The Arts Center’s downtown Sheboygan facility includes eight galleries, two performance spaces, a café, a museum shop, and a drop-in art-making studio. Among its program offerings are community arts projects; artist residencies; presentations of dance, film, and music; a free weekly summer concert series; classes and workshops; an onsite arts-based preschool; and approximately twelve original exhibitions of the work of self-taught and contemporary artists annually. JMKAC also administers the renowned Arts/Industry residency program, which is hosted by Kohler Co.

ABOUT THE ART PRESERVE

In 2021, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center opened the [Art Preserve](#), the world’s first museum to focus entirely on work from art environments. Located three miles from JMKAC, the 56,000-sq.-ft., three-level building holds more than 25,000 works in the Arts Center’s world-renowned collection, which includes complete and partial environments by more than 30 vernacular, self-taught, and academically-trained artists. Visitors experience unprecedented access and insight into the display, preservation, conservation, and interpretation of the Arts Center’s premier collection through tableaux as well as a unique system of curated, visible storage of the works of art.

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

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