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(312) 595-5063 | ljordan-parnell@navypier.org**“Get on Up” at Navy Pier’s Inaugural *Chi-Soul Fest*, June 27 to June 30***Chicago’s popular lakefront destination celebrates Black Music Appreciation Month with free, four-day soul music festival, featuring a dynamic lineup of top local talent*

CHICAGO – Navy Pier is paying homage to Chicago’s longstanding history of soul music with the inaugural ***Chi-Soul Fest***, a free, four-day music festival, kicking off on Wednesday, June 27. Jammed-packed with talented intergenerational artists, the festival honors and celebrates Black Music Appreciation Month and pays musical tributes to the city’s soulful roots, with a nod to the genre’s past, present and future.

In the 1960s and 70s, Chicago’s own Record Row on South Michigan Avenue featured classic recordings from artists, such as The Dells, Curtis Mayfield, Etta James, Donny Hathaway, Herbie Hancock, Earth Wind and Fire and many more. Today, the legacy of soul still echoes throughout Chicago’s current musical landscape, and Navy Pier is putting it on showcase via *Chi-Soul Fest*.

See below for the full *Chi-Soul Festival* schedule:**Wednesday, June 27**

5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	The Will Tilson Band	Miller Lite Beer Garden
7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Theo Huff	Miller Lite Beer Garden

Thursday, June 28

6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Reclaimed Soul with Ayana Contreras Co-curated by Vocolo 91.1 FM	Miller Lite Beer Garden
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Friday, June 29

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	The Right Now	Miller Lite Beer Garden
6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	Dee Alexander Quartet: Tribute to Curtis Mayfield	Lake Stage in Polk Bros Park
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Syleena Johnson	Lake Stage in Polk Bros Park
9 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.	Isaiah Sharkey	Miller Lite Beer Garden

Saturday, June 30

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Duane Powell	Wave Wall Performance Platform
2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	The Congregation	Miller Lite Beer Garden
4 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Christian Jalon Co-curated by Vocolo 91.1 FM	Lake Stage in Polk Bros Park
4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Shawnee Dez Co-curated by Vocolo 91.1 FM	Lake Stage in Polk Bros Park
5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Sam Trump	Miller Lite Beer Garden
5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Akenya Co-curated by Vocolo 91.1 FM	Lake Stage in Polk Bros Park
6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	Kaina Co-curated by Vocolo 91.1 FM	Lake Stage in Polk Bros Park
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Brandon Markell Holmes Co-curated by Vocolo 91.1 FM	Lake Stage in Polk Bros Park
9 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.	JC Brooks Band	Miller Lite Beer Garden

Get a jumpstart on the festivities on Monday, June 25 at *Water Flicks*, Navy Pier's free, weekly summer film series at the Lake Stage in *Polk Bros Park* at 7 p.m. In honor of *Chi-Soul Fest*, the Pier will be showing *Get on Up*, a chronical of soul music legend James Brown. Free popcorn, courtesy of Navy Pier IMAX at AMC, is available to guests on a first-come, first-served basis.

While at Navy Pier for *Chi-Soul Fest*, guests are encouraged to take advantage of the many other Pier-wide experiences in dining, retail, boats and other activities and attractions – many of which are available within the newly renovated *Fifth Third Bank Family Pavilion*, which opened Memorial Day weekend.

Chi-Soul Fest is part of the Pier's ongoing commitment to offer guests free, one-of-a kind arts and culture programming, designed to inspire, educate and connect communities and guests across the city and globe. For more information, visit www.navypier.org or download the Navy Pier app on any Android or iOS device.

About Navy Pier

Located on Lake Michigan, Navy Pier is one of the top-attended nonprofit cultural destinations in the Midwest, stretching more than six city blocks and welcoming more than 9 million guests annually. Originally opened in 1916 as a shipping and recreation facility, this Chicago landmark showcases more than 50 acres of parks, restaurants, attractions, retail shops, sightseeing and dining cruise boats, exposition facilities and more. In 2018, Navy Pier continues to usher in its second century with ongoing pier-wide redevelopment efforts – including the *Fifth Third Bank Family Pavilion*, *Peoples Energy Welcome Pavilion*, 220-room hotel and more – in addition to free, year-round arts and cultural programming designed to inspire, educate and connect communities across the city and globe. For more information, visit www.navypier.org or download the free Navy Pier app for Android and iOS device users.

Navy Pier Mission Statement

Navy Pier is the People's Pier, Chicago's lakefront treasure, welcoming all and offering dynamic and eclectic experiences through partnerships and programs that inspire discovery and wonder.