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Navy Pier Introduces First-Ever *Winter Music Series* This February

Chicago's iconic lakefront destination expands its free arts and cultural programming with new, four-part indoor music series, running from February 6 through 27

CHICAGO – Navy Pier, Chicago's year-round non-profit destination, presents its newest free program, [Winter Music Series](#), to showcase an eclectic mix of live music from local artists and ensembles each Thursday evening in February. Escape the cold, grab a drink to-go from one of Navy Pier's on-site restaurants, and enjoy a diverse set of musical offerings in the botanical setting of Navy Pier's Crystal Gardens.

Ranging from jazz and classical to Latin styles, the series kicks off with La Peña Orchestra and their repertoire of Cuban and South American dance bands spanning the 1930s - 1960s performing styles such as Cumbia, Danzón, Bolero, Cha, and Mambo, followed by Clif Wallace Big Band performing arrangements of 90s R&B music. The third performance from Chicago-based super-group Eighth Blackbird will bring the internationally acclaimed and Grammy award-winning band to the People's Pier. Sounds from female bluegrass quartet Fox Crossing Stringband will conclude the four-part event.

Full schedule for *Winter Music Series*:

[La Peña Orchestra](#) | [Thursday, Feb. 6](#) | 6:30 – 8 p.m. | Crystal Gardens

[Clif Wallace Big Band](#) | [Thursday, Feb. 13](#) | 6:30 – 8 p.m. | Crystal Gardens

[Eighth Blackbird](#) | [Thursday, Feb. 20](#) | 6:30 – 8 p.m. | *Fifth Third Bank Family Pavilion*

[Fox Crossing Stringband](#) | [Thursday, Feb. 27](#) | 6:30 – 8 p.m. | Crystal Gardens

Events are subject to change. Check Navy Pier's website for the latest information.

In addition, Navy Pier's free arts and cultural programming this season includes [Global Connections Presented by ComEd](#), [Stroller Grooves](#) in partnership with Chicago Children's Museum, and more. From February 14 through 16, Navy Pier will also serve as host to the [NBA Crossover](#), presented in conjunction with marquee partner AT&T. The immersive and engaging pop culture event coinciding with the NBA All-Star Weekend will feature product drops from top brands, NBA player appearances, celebrity and influencer sightings and musical performances. Tickets are available for purchase [here](#).

Winter Music Series is part of Navy Pier's free, year-round arts and culture programming, designed to inspire, educate and connect communities across the city and globe. In addition to attending *Winter Music Series*, guests are encouraged to check out other Pier-wide experiences in dining, retail, attractions and more, including the year-round *Centennial Wheel*. For more information, please visit www.navypier.org.

PHOTOS: [Winter Music Series](#) | Credit: Navy Pier

About Navy Pier

Located on Lake Michigan, Navy Pier is the top non-for-profit tourism destination in the Midwest, stretching more than six city blocks and welcoming nearly 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. The Pier recently celebrated its 100th anniversary with the unveiling of the iconic *Centennial Wheel*, *Polk Bros Park*, *Fifth Third Bank Family Pavilion* and *Peoples Energy Welcome Pavilion*. In 2020, Navy Pier continues to usher in its second century with ongoing Pier-wide redevelopment efforts – including a 220-room Hilton hotel with a year-round rooftop bar, Offshore (now open), and more – in addition to free, year-round arts and cultural programming designed to inspire, educate and connect communities across the city and globe. [Click here](#) to donate to Navy Pier, a 501(c)(3) organization, in support of free public programs. For more information, visit www.navy Pier.org.

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.