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Free Lunchtime Summer Concert Series Returns to Upper West Side

Lincoln Square Gets Moving with Outdoor Music and Yoga at Richard Tucker Park

Every Wednesday, July 2 – August 27, Noon to 2:00pm at Broadway and 66th Street



Lunchtime Concert Series at Richard Tucker Park 2013 Photo Credit: Lincoln Square Business Improvement District

New York, NY – The highly-anticipated Free Lunchtime Summer Concert Series is back to make afternoons more festive in Lincoln Square this July and August. The favorite outdoor concerts at Richard Tucker Park will feature several new – along with a few returning – musical performers. Locals, visitors, music enthusiasts, and yogis are all encouraged to grab lunch and make their way to the park for complimentary refreshments from local eatery P.J. Clarke's, and live music by top musicians from MTA's Music Under New York, NYC's eclectic "underground" scene!

From classical quartets to the sounds of Brazil, these free lunchtime concerts offer a variety of melodic genres sure to please any culture vulture. New performers this year include: Robert Anderson Jazz Band; Brown Rice Family; Asylum Quartet; Yut & the Hot Four; The Good Morning Nags; Afrikumba Utibe Drummers; Tyrone Owusu Slater Ensemble; Toli Nameless; Lucky Chops Brass Band. <u>YogaWorks</u> is also returning to Lincoln Square, and will hold free restorative stretch sessions in between music sets for some lunchtime relaxation.

The 2014 Free Lunchtime Summer Concert Series at Richard Tucker Park is presented by the <u>Lincoln Square Business</u> <u>Improvement District</u> in partnership with the <u>MTA Arts for Transit's Music Under New York</u> Program and with sponsorship support from TD Bank – America's Most Convenient Bank. Through these live performances at Richard Tucker Park, we celebrate New York City's diversity of music and cultures, and the great opera star, tenor Richard Tucker (1913-1975).

The concert series at Richard Tucker Park will be held every Wednesday from July 2 until August 27, from Noon until 2:00 p.m. at Broadway and 66th Street.

Summer 2014 Lineup:

- July 2nd Celebrating America's Jazz 12:00 – 1:00 - Yaz Band 1:00 – 2:00 - Robert Anderson Jazz Band
- July 9th World Beats 12:00 – 1:00 - Brown Rice Family 1:00 – 2:00 - Underground Horns
- July 16th Classical with a Twist 12:00 – 1:00 - Asylum Quartet 1:00 – 2:00 - Yut & the Hot Four
- July 23rd Old Times Roots Music 12:00 – 1:00 - The Good Morning Nags 1:00 – 2:00 - The Blue Vipers of Brooklyn
- July 30th A Caribbean Percussion Discussion 12:00 – 1:00 - Afrikumba Utibe Drummers 1:00 – 2:00 - Tyrone Owusu Slater
- August 6th Diva Power 12:00 – 1:00 - Sister Monk 1:00 – 2:00 - Toli Nameless
- August 13th Modern Mix 12:00 – 1:00 - Karikatura 1:00 – 2:00 - Flor de Toloache
- August 20th Brass and Buckets 12:00 – 1:00 - Lucky Chops Brass Band 1:00 – 2:00 - Drumadics
- August 27th Celebrating Richard Tucker 12:00 – 2:00 - Opera Collective

About the Lincoln Square BID

The Lincoln Square BID is a not-for-profit tax-exempt organization whose mission is to make Lincoln Square cleaner, safer, and more beautiful, and to undertake various improvement projects. Efforts are focused on supplemental sanitation and security services; the beautification of public spaces, malls, and parks; and the promotion and marketing of the area's diverse business and cultural offerings. The BID's programs, publications and initiatives, including Winter's Eve – NYC's largest holiday festival, taking place this year on December 1, 2014 – showcase the rich and varied resources of this Upper West Side neighborhood. The Lincoln Square BID acts as a catalyst working with business, community and city partners to promote positive change in Lincoln Square. For more information, please call 212.581.3774 or visit www.lincolnsquarebid.org.

About Music Under New York (MUSIC)

Music Under New York is one of many visual and performing arts programs administered by MTA Arts for Transit – a division of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. For 25 years, MUSIC has provided customers in the transit system with daily music performances. At present, more than 350 soloists and groups participate in MUSIC providing over 7,500 annual performances at 30 locations throughout the transit system. For more information, please call 212-878-7250 or visit <u>www.mta.info/art</u>.