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Lincoln Square Business Improvement District to Showcase Free Lunchtime Musical Performances and Yoga This Summer

From Opera to Jazz, Lincoln Square's Richard Tucker Park Will Feature Sweet Sounds, Symphonies and a Moment of Midday Zen

Every Wednesday, July 1 – August 26, Noon to 2:00 p.m. at Broadway and 66th Street



*Lunchtime Concert Series at Richard Tucker Park 2014
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New York, NY – June 11, 2015 –The [Lincoln Square Business Improvement District](#) is excited to continue its partnership with the [MTA Arts & Design's Music Under New York](#) to bring free, quality, musical entertainment to locals and visitors of all ages of the Lincoln Square area, a neighborhood known for its cultural and musical institutions. The highly anticipated concerts at Richard Tucker Park at Broadway and 66th Street offer genres as diverse as the city itself. No matter what your taste in music – jazz, cumbia, funk, blues – you can hear it for free this summer during the wildly popular **Free Lunchtime Summer Concert Series** every Wednesday from Noon until 2:00 p.m. this July and August.

All are encouraged to grab lunch and make their way to the park for complimentary refreshments from local eateries. There will also be free restorative yoga stretch sessions in between music sets for some lunchtime relaxation.

Summer 2015 Lineup

July 1 – Celebrating American R&B and Jazz

12:00 - 1:00 – Yaz Band
(Jazz quartet- classics, funk, R&B; www.yazband.com)
1:00 - 2:00 – Alex LoDico Ensemble
(Jazz octet; www.alexlodicoensemble.com)

July 8 – Going south...Cumbia & Mariachi

12:00 - 1:00 – Viva Vallenato Badass Accordion Band
(Colombian Cumbia – Latin rhythms; www.vivavallenato.com)
1:00 - 2:00 – Mariachi Flor de Toloache
(All-female mariachi band; www.mariachinyc.com)

July 15 – Zany Cartoons and Kazoos

12:00 - 1:00 – The Queens Cartoonists
(Wacky themes from Loony Tunes and Merry Melodies)
1:00 - 2:00 – Cousin Earth
(Ukulele band- bluegrass to electronica; www.cousinearth.com)

July 22 – Gumbo, Stomp and Hot Brass

12:00 - 1:00 – Lucky Chops Brass Band
(High-energy brass ensemble; www.luckychops.com)
1:00- 2:00 – Underground Horns
(Audio gumbo- Funk & Spiced Up African Rhythms;
www.undergroundhorns.com)

July 29 – Classical Lunch

12:00 - 1:00 - West Village Quartet
(Black string quartet; westvillagequartet.wix.com/newyork)
1:00-2:00 – Utopian Winds
(Clarinet quartet amped; www.utopiawinds.com)

August 5 – Percussive Dancing to the Speakeasy

12:00 - 1:00 – SisterMonk
(Djembe driven trance; www.sistermonk.com)
1:00- 2:00 – The Sunnyside Social Club
(Raucous speakeasy)

August 12 – Brighton Beach to the Baltics

12:00 - 1:00 – Karikatura
(Soundtrack of Eastern Europe to Brazilian storytelling; www.karikaturanyc.com)
1:00- 2:00 - Topsy Oxcart
(Balkan party music; www.tipsyoxcart.com)

August 19 – Roots and Blues – Vipers to the Triple Crown

12:00- 1:00 – The Blue Vipers of Brooklyn

(Roots to swing jazz; www.thebluevipersofbrooklyn.com)
1:00- 2:00 – Rocky Jr & the Triple Crown Chicago Blues Band
(Early blues band)

August 26 – **Celebrating Richard Tucker**

12:00- 2:00 – Opera Collective, “opera for the people” collective
www.operacollective.com

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)

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