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**From Latin to Looney Tunes, to Country and Klezmer, the Lincoln Square Business Improvement District Announces a Diverse Lineup for its FREE Outdoor Summer Concert Series**

*Every Wednesday, July 6 – August 31, Noon to 2:00 p.m. in Richard Tucker Park at Broadway and 66<sup>th</sup> Street*



*Lunchtime Summer Concert Series at Richard Tucker Park 2015*

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**New York, NY** – June 14, 2016 –The [Lincoln Square Business Improvement District](#) (BID) is excited to announce its continued partnership with the [MTA Arts & Design's Music Under New York \(MTA MUSIC\)](#), bringing free and excellent musical entertainment to locals and visitors of all ages in the Lincoln Square area – a neighborhood home to some of New York City's most renowned musical and cultural institutions. The annual concert series, held at Richard Tucker Park, at Broadway and 66<sup>th</sup> Street, offers genres as diverse as the city itself. No matter what your taste in music – **reggae, beatboxers, jazz, or 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.

Performers new to the lineup this year include: Receta Secreta, Groove Merchants, Stiletta, The Blue Dahlia, and the Carlos Casado Project. Plus, audiences can enjoy performances by returning favorites like Yaz Band, Opera Collective, Underground Horns, and more.

Concertgoers are encouraged to grab lunch and make their way to Richard Tucker Park for complimentary refreshments provided through a partnership with Whole Foods Market.

There will also be free and gentle restorative yoga stretch sessions by instructors from the West Side Y in between each day's performances for some lunchtime relaxation.

The 2016 Lunchtime Summer Concert Series is sponsored by TD Bank – America’s Most Convenient Bank. Through these live performances at Richard Tucker Park, we celebrate New York City’s incredible diversity of music and cultures, and the great opera star, tenor Richard Tucker (1913-1975).

## **Summer 2016 Lineup**

### **July 6**

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – [Yaz Band](#) (jazz quartet---classics, funk, R&B)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – [Alex LoDico Ensemble](#) (straight ahead dynamic jazz octet)

### **July 13**

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – [The Queens Cartoonists](#) (zany themes from Looney Tunes & Merry Melodies)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – [Underground Horns](#) (audio gumbo- funk & spiced up African rhythms)

### **July 20**

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - [Receta Secreta](#) (Latin, house, & dance party)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - [Drumadics](#) (percussion, horns, & funk soundscape)

### **July 27**

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – [Stiletta](#) (dynamic female vocal group led by a beatboxer)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – [Courtnee Roze The Musical](#) (fusion percussion driven band)

### **August 3**

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – [Opera Collective](#) (Opera for the people)

### **August 10**

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – [Groove Merchant](#) (jazz, funk & groove)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – [The Blue Vipers of Brooklyn](#) (North American roots-blues & country)

### **August 17**

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – [SisterMonk](#) (rhythm centric, female-powered trance)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – [Karikatura](#) (soundtrack of Eastern Europe to Brighton Beach)

### **August 24**

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – [Afro Andes](#) (Latin roots fusion - Cuba to Peru)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – [Carlos Casado Project](#) (jazzy, folky mix with Spanish bagpipes)

### **August 31**

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – [Baby Soda](#) (vintage jazz always swinging)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – [The Blue Dahlia](#) (French chanson, reggae, klezmer)

## **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 Monday, November 28, 2016 – 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](http://www.lincolnsquarebid.org).*

**About Music Under New York**

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