

Starry Nights

Free Summer concerts, Fridays 6:30 pm



Lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets are a staple of Starry Nights. Snacks and beverages are available for purchase from many fine local cafés and caterers. So, gather your family and friends, come to the Wilson Center, and listen to some great music under the stars! This year's concert line up features a diverse list of local and regional musicians with wide-ranging musical styles.

Madisalsa

Friday, June 24, 6:30 pm

Madisalsa is an eleven member ensemble devoted to the musical traditions of Cuba, Puerto Rico, and The Dominican Republic—and has been serving the Midwest from its home base in Madison since 1992. With a repertoire ranging from traditional island classics to original material, each performance offers a wide variety of musical expression. Madisalsa's exciting array of moods and grooves is guaranteed to please. Come a few minutes early to try salsa dancing with instructors from Danceworks.

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Cream City Concert Band

Friday, July 1, 6:30 pm

The Cream City Concert Band is a 35-piece wind ensemble directed by Jon Carter Simmons, conductor for the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra. The band will perform old-time Americana crowd favorites such as "The Stars and Stripes Forever", the "Armed Forces Salute", and Goldman's "The Chimes of Liberty".

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Liam Ford Band

Friday, July 8, 6:30 pm

Front man Liam Ford is no stranger to the music scenes in both Milwaukee and L.A. Besides his dynamic vocals, Liam also delivers a high energy guitar performance along with on-stage charisma that gets the crowd up on their feet, dancing and singing along, at every show. Put together with his hard-driving band, and you have the most acclaimed rockabilly band in the Midwest. They'll hit the stage and take the crowd for a musical ride they won't forget.

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Cream City Concert Band



Wilson Center Big Band

Derek Byrne/Paddygrass

Friday, July 15, 6:30 pm

After leaving Riverdance and settling down in Milwaukee, Derek Byrne began to play in many Irish bars with different musicians all around Wisconsin. Many of them would come up during the show and ask to sit in. Paddygrass grew out of the friends Derek made through music and they continue to have a lot of fun playing together.

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Liam Ford Band

Jenny Thiel Group

Friday, July 22, 6:30 pm

Jenny Thiel was named "Jazz Artist of the Year" in the Shepherd Express "Best of Milwaukee" Awards. Jenny performs jazz, pop, and standard tunes. Her silky-smooth voice will slide right into your heart.

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Jenny Thiel

Wilson Center Big Band

Friday, July 29, 6:30 pm

The Wilson Center Big Band brings some of the best regional musicians together for high-powered swing, big band, and standards. Members have toured and recorded with the likes of Buddy Rich, Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, and Guy Lombardo.

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