



# Media Advisory

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**SOAK UP THE SMOOTH SOUNDS**  
**AT JAZZIN' AT THE SHEDD EVERY WEDNESDAY THIS SUMMER**

*Heat up Summer with Cool Jazz Tunes at Shedd, Starting June 22*

**CHICAGO** – As summer temperatures saunter into Chicago, tap your toes to jazz tunes and take in the best view in the city during Shedd Aquarium's 17<sup>th</sup> annual summer concert series, *Jazzin' at the Shedd*, sponsored by Bank of America. On Wednesday nights, Shedd will welcome some of the hottest music acts in town, while guests groove to the music, tour the Aquarium and grab a front row seat to Chicago's fireworks display.

The evening event offers a rare glimpse of the majestic waters at twilight in Shedd's original galleries. Guests can also swing by the sharks in *Wild Reef*, boogie with the belugas in the Abbott Oceanarium and catch Shedd's newest exhibit, *Jellies* sponsored by Walgreens, where the mysterious creatures pulse to their own watery beat.

During *Jazzin' at the Shedd*, the Abbott Oceanarium, *Wild Reef* and *Polar Play Zone* are open till 8 p.m. and the original galleries are open till 10 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 3 to 11). See the new *Jellies* exhibit, Abbott Oceanarium and *Polar Play Zone* for only \$6 more. Engage the senses like never before with a show at Shedd's 4-D FX Theater, including the new *Dora and Diego's 4-D Adventure: Catch That Robot Butterfly!* feature, for an additional \$4. Food and beverages are available for purchase. For more information about *Jazzin' at the Shedd*, please call (312) 692-3361 or visit [www.sheddaquarium.org](http://www.sheddaquarium.org).

Held on the North Terrace, featured *Jazzin' at the Shedd* performers include:

**June 22 – Detour JazFunk**

Detour JazFunk is the sound of Chicago's new urban jazz scene. Its music is built on a foundation of old-school R&B's soulful and funky grooves blended with the melodic improvisations of classic and contemporary jazz. Detour JazFunk includes guitarist Phil Seed, drummer Ben "Jammin" Johnson, electric bassist Kenery Kent Smith and keyboard wizard Tim Gant.

**June 29 – Bill Boris**

The Bill Boris Group is an exciting, eclectic ensemble combining elements of straight ahead jazz, funk and R&B. The group performs original compositions along with jazz standards delivering a melodic and compelling sound. Bill has performed with Charles Earland, David "Fathead" Newman, Arthur Prysock, Eric Alexander and Tony Monaco. He has performed at the Barbados Jazz Festival, The Kaunas Jazz Festival, Lithuania, Szczecin Jazz Festival in Poland, and the South Shore Jazz Festival in Chicago.

**July 6 – Greg Duncan**

Trumpeter Greg Duncan has developed one of the best jazz groups in the city since his arrival in 2004. Known for their solid swing feel and edgy groove, the Greg Duncan Quintet released its debut CD entitled "Unveiled" in 2007

on the OA2 record label. The group has recently performed in Spain and added flamenco jazz songs to their growing list of originals and standards.

### **July 13 – Detour JazFunk**

**July 20 – Due to a private event, *Jazzin' at the Shedd* is not scheduled on Wednesday, July 20.**

### **July 27 – Chicago OGD**

The Chicago OGD covers Smooth Jazz and Jazz Standards and includes today's dance music as well as the Blues, and original material. OGD is an acronym for Organ-(Darryl Armistead), Guitar- (Barry White), and Drums – Frank Neigel. OGD exemplifies the soulful, funky, hard bop sounds of Philly organ jazz made famous by Jimmy Smith, Jack McDuff, and Joey DeFrancesco.

### **August 3 – Petra Van Nuis**

Petra has performed at prominent venues, such as the Chicago Cultural Center, the Green Mill, Pops for Champagne, the Pump Room, Katerina's, and Andy's Jazz Club. Inspired by such jazz vocal greats as Peggy Lee, Billie Holiday and Julie London, Petra opts for a straightforward swinging delivery with an emphasis on feeling.

### **August 10 – Rio Bamba**

The Rio Bamba sound is a unique blend of Bossa Nova, Samba, American and Latin Jazz played by world class musicians. The group moves easily from classic and swinging jazz, vocal or instrumental to Brazilian Samba that brings everyone to the dance floor with its irresistible rhythms. Maggie Vagle, Joel Martinez, Craig Linenberger, and John Garvey make up the Rio Bamba sound.

### **August 17– Lake Effect**

Lake Effect is the exquisite smooth jazz band co-created by Neil Artwick, keyboards, and, Robert Davis on guitars. Elegant compositions with attention to melodic detail, and compelling liquid grooves are the trademarks of the "Lake Effect" sound. "Lake Effect" features Khari Parker-drums, Lamar Jones-bass and guest vocalist. Together they bring you a unique blend of R&B, Latin, Soul, Jazz and cocktails.

### **August 24– PJM Jazz/Pat Mallinger Trio**

"Pat Mallinger holds the longest "steady" gig in Chicago jazz: Saturday nights at the Green Mill, where he has co-lead the two-tenor quartet Sabertooth for 18 years." Neil Tesser, Examiner. Pat performs concerts and festivals nationally and internationally both as a band leader and side man. His resume includes performances with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Joe Williams, Nancy Wilson, Stevie Wonder, Herbie Hancock, Harry Connick, Ramsey Lewis, Aretha Franklin, Rosemary Clooney, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Patti Austin, Manhattan Transfer, and Cab Calloway.

### **August 31 – Detour JazFunk**

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