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**From Latin to Folk, to Blues and Bagpipes, the Lincoln Square Business Improvement District Announces a Diverse Lineup for its FREE Outdoor Summer Concert Series**

**Don't Stay Inside! "Nāmaste" Outside - In addition to Concerts, there will be FREE Yoga provided by The Y**

*Every Wednesday, July 5 – August 30, 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 2016  
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**New York, NY** – June 6, 2017 –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 fantastic 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 in Richard Tucker Park, at Broadway and 66<sup>th</sup> Street, offers music as diverse as the city itself. No matter what your taste in music – **reggae, pop, 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**. Dance your way through your lunch break and enjoy the sights and sounds of Lincoln Square.

In addition, there will be free restorative yoga outside. These stretch sessions will be led by instructors from the West Side Y in between each day's performances for some lunchtime relaxation. It's the perfect opportunity to Nāmaste outside and be one with nature (or as much one could be in the middle of Lincoln Square).

Performers new to the lineup this year include: Oak and Ash, Slum Suit and Parranda Vallenatta! In addition, audiences can enjoy performances by returning favorites like Yaz Band, Baby Soda, The Opera Collective, High & Mighty Brass Band, and more.

Concertgoers are encouraged to grab lunch and make their way to Richard Tucker Park. Music to your ears, we hear that complimentary refreshments will be provided.

With music, refreshments by Hubert's Lemonade, and yoga, there is something everyone can enjoy at no cost!

The 2017 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 2017 Lineup**

#### **July 5: Jazz**

12:00- 1:00 -- [YAZ BAND](#), jazz quartet- classics, funk, R&B

1:00-2:00 -- [Alex LoDico Ensemble](#), straight ahead jazz octet

#### **July 12: Roots, Swing, Blues & Country**

12:00- 1:00 -- [Baby Soda](#), vintage swing

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

#### **July 19: Opera for the people**

12:00- 2:00 -- [Opera Collective](#), bringing opera to the people-back by popular demand!

#### **July 26: Pop, rock and baiao!**

12:00- 1:00 -- [Oak and Ash](#), pop & rock

1:00-2:00 -- [Slum Suit](#), Celtic melodies & N. Spain's baiao music with gaita-bagpipes

#### **August 2: Divas!**

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

1:00- 2:00 -- [Calliope Brass](#), brass ensemble- pop & classical

#### **August 9: Funk Party**

12:00- 1:00 -- [Luca Bertaglia Project](#), Jazz, funk ensemble

1:00- 2:00 -- [Topsy Oxcart](#), Balkan party music

#### **August 16: Latin dynamics**

12:00- 1:00 -- [Parranda Vallenatta!](#), Columbia's music

1:00- 2:00 -- [Receta Secreta](#), Latin, house...dance party

#### **August 23: Audio Gumbo – Afro-beat & Mardi Gras**

12:00- 1:00 -- [Underground Horns](#), audio gumbo- funk & spiced up African rhythms

1:00- 2:00 -- [High & Mighty Brass Band](#) brass band

#### **August 30: Transglobal Music**

12:00- 1:00 -- [Karikatura](#), soundtrack of Eastern Europe to Brighton Beach

1:00- 2:00 -- [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 27, 2017 – 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 30 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).*