

The Jogo Project Opens Summer Series at Merriweather District's Color Burst Park 6-12-25

The Jogo Project, a WAMMIE Award-winning Jazz and Go-Go fusion band from Washington, D.C., opens the Merriweather District's AMPED in the Park concert series on June 12, in Color Burst Park. The Jogo Project was founded by D.C. native Elijah Jamal Balbed, who performed with the "Godfather of Go-Go," Chuck Brown.

The AMPED in the Park sessions include live music, food, drinks, and giveaways. Activities begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by live music at 7 p.m. Other AMPED in the Park entertainment scheduled this summer includes:

- **June 26: Sons of Mystro** Brothers Malcolm, 29, and Umoja, 26 use their violins to interpret reggae classics, American pop songs, and their own creations, accompanied by a DJ and a drummer.
- **July 24: Las Karamba** In the midst of the bustling streets of Barcelona in 2018, six women founded Las Karamba to draw strength, overcome fears, and pursue their dreams of expressing dedication to music and emphasizing the role of women.
- **Aug. 7: New Jazz Underground** An American trio, New Jazz Underground has been described as "an innovative and ultra creative collective striving to establish themselves as a defining voice for the genre of Jazz and beyond."
- **Aug. 21: Zar Eletrik** pays homage to tribal cultures, particularly through the incorporation of the ancient Zar ritual originating from Ethiopia and Egypt.
- **Sept. 4: Butte & Friends** is a revolving lineup of Mid-Atlantic musicians led by band leader John Butte best known for his work as bassist and vocalist for DelMarva's renowned Grateful Dead Tribute - Better Off Dead.

All Summer Series events are free and open to the public. Color Burst Park is located at 6000 Merriweather Drive in Columbia. Onsite parking is ample and free in the Symphony Woods Garage. You must be present to receive giveaways. For information visit <https://merriweatherdistrict.com/events-calendar/>.

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