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Cain Park Announces Its Extended 2023 Season

Concerts by Grammy winning, critically acclaimed folk, jazz, acoustic, rock, R&B and soul artists; free concerts; dance performances; Pride in the Park, a new Stand-Up Comedy series; a circus and fun with science; wine tastings, an art gallery, and two Broadway musicals. All under the sun and stars!

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO—The City of Cleveland Heights has announced the extended 2023 Cain Park Season, which kicks off this Saturday, May 20, with a performance by Grammy-winning folk legend Judy Collins, backed by a full symphony orchestra, and runs through September.

Cain Park is home to two outdoor performance spaces—the Evans Amphitheater and the Alma Theater—and the Feinberg Art Gallery. All three spaces offer opportunities for an art-filled summer, including nearly 100 performances and featuring the work of hundreds of artists.

CONCERTS

The 2023 Cain Park's star-studded concert season, includes:

May

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| 20 | Judy Collins, with the 27-piece Cain Park Symphony Orchestra <i>Wine Tasting Available</i> |
| 26 | China Grove: A Tribute to the Doobie Brothers |

June

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| 3 | BritBeat, a multimedia concert journey through Beatles music history |
| 13 | Indigo Girls w/ Kevn Kinney |
| 17 | Pat Metheny Side-Eye |
| 21 | Rufus Wainwright with Gina Chavez & Lucy Wainwright Roche |
| 30 | The Sounds of Soul: Motown & Beyond <i>Wine Tasting Available</i> |

July

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| 14-16 | GroundWorks DanceTheater |
| 18 | Mat Kearney Acoustic Trio w/ Marc Scibilia |
| 20 | Boney James & Lalah Hathaway w/ Damien Escobar <i>Wine Tasting Available</i> |
| 21 | Anne Cochran |
| 27 | Crash Test Dummies |

August

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| 3 | Bindlestiff Family Cirkus |
| 5 | DANCECleveland Presents: Music From The Sole: I Didn't Come To Stay |
| 11 | Richard Marx & Yacht Rock Revue |
| 12 | Alison Brown w/ The Adam Ezra Group |
| 16 | Artrageous |
| 18 | Steven Page (formally of the Barenaked Ladies) |

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| 22 | Joss Stone <i>Wine Tasting Available</i> |
| 24 | Red Hot Chilli Pipers/The Tartan Terrors |
| 25 | George Benson |
| 26 | Always Olivia: An Olivia Newton-John Tribute |

September

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| 2 | Ledisi |
| 5 | Max Weinberg's Jukebox |
| 9 | MultiMusic Fest w/ Bob James, Stanley Clarke & Maysa |
| 7 | Old Crow Medicine Show |
| 8 | Legends of Country Rock w/ Firefall and Pure Prairie League |
| 15 | The Vindys |
| 21 | Skerryvore |

Cain Park Wine Tastings

The Cain Park Wine Tastings are back and better than ever! By purchasing Wine Tasting add-ons to their concert tickets, Cain Park visitors can gain early access to the park and enjoy six delicious wines hand-picked to complement each show, served on the Evans Amphitheater's Colonnade. Those purchasing a Wine Tasting add-on will also receive light snacks and a commemorative wine glass. Concerts where wine tastings are available are marked above. Only people 21 and over may purchase the Wine Tasting add-on.

MUSICAL THEATER AT THE ALMA THEATER

RENT

June 8–25

Jonathan Larson's Pulitzer-Prize-winning phenomenon, **RENT**, shaped a generation, and its legacy has continued for over 25 years. Based loosely on Giacomo Puccini's *La Boheme*, this rock musical follows a year in the life of a group of young artists struggling to create and survive in New York's Lower East Side under the shadow of poverty, social unrest, and the AIDS epidemic. With universal themes of falling in love, finding one's voice, and living for today, **RENT** teaches us to measure our lives in love.

FUN HOME

August 10–27

Adapted from Alison Bechdel's groundbreaking graphic novel memoir of the same name, **FUN HOME** explores the haunting pull of memory and its power to shape one's identity. Moving between the past and present, the musical traces Alison's unique childhood and relationship with her father to unlock deep family secrets on her journey of self-acceptance.

DANCE PERFORMANCES AT THE EVANS AMPHITHEATER

All dance performances at Cain Park are FREE.

June

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| 23 | Verb, "Ohio Contemporary Ballet" |
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| 14-16 | GroundWorks DanceTheater 25th Anniversary Season |
| 28-29 | Inlet Dance Theatre 22nd FREE Summer Performance |

FREE EVENTS

As a municipally owned, community-oriented art and performance space, each summer Cain Park offers many opportunities for visitors to enjoy musical performances for FREE. The three free Cain Park series this season are:

- [Sunday Afternoon Concert Series](#)
- [Tuesday Evening Concert Series](#)
- [Fall Songwriters Series](#)

May

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| 21 | Jazz Works FREE Sunday Afternoon Concert Series—Evans Amphitheater |
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| 4 | Wind Machine FREE Sunday Afternoon Concert Series—Evans Amphitheater |
| 18 | Juneteenth Celebration Concert FREE Sunday Afternoon Concert Series—Evans Amphitheater |
| 20 | No Exit FREE Tuesday Evening Concert Series—Alma Theater |
| 25 | Die Unpronouncables FREE Sunday Afternoon Concert Series—Evans Amphitheater |
| 27 | Idle Twittering FREE Tuesday Evening Concert Series—Alma Theater |

July

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| 9 | Jeff and the Local 4's FREE Sunday Afternoon Concert Series—Evans Amphitheater |
| 11 | The Athena String Quartet FREE Tuesday Evening Concert Series—Alma Theater |
| 23 | Bent String FREE Sunday Afternoon Concert Series—Evans Amphitheater |
| 25 | :beta collective FREE Tuesday Evening Concert Series—Alma Theater |

August

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| 6 | The Air Chiefs FREE Sunday Afternoon Concert Series—Evans Amphitheater |
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| 15 | Alla Bora FREE Tuesday Evening Concert Series—Alma Theater |
| 20 | Don Disantis Quintet FREE Sunday Afternoon Concert Series—Evans Amphitheater |
| 22 | Brad Wagner Quartet FREE Tuesday Evening Concert Series—Alma Theater |

September

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| 3 | New Soft Shoe FREE Sunday Afternoon Concert Series—Evans Amphitheater |
| 5 | Kidney Brothers/J Blues FREE Fall Songwriters Series—Alma Theater |
| 17 | David J. Young Trio FREE Sunday Afternoon Concert Series—Evans Amphitheater |
| 19 | Mark Lee Shannon/Bill March FREE Fall Songwriters Series—Alma Theater |

THE NEW CAIN PARK STAND-UP COMEDY SERIES

All comedy shows will be held in the Alma Theater and guest must be 21+.

September

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| 1 | Tommy Ryman |
| 16 | Mary Mack |
| 23 | Kevin James Thornton |

EVENTS FOR KIDS

All kids' events will take place in the Evans Amphitheater.

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| 21 | Mister C—Science Live! |
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July

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| 28 | Inlet Dance Kids' Matinee |
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August

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| 3 | Bindlestiff Family Cirkus |
| 16 | Afternoon event with Artrageous—FREE |

THE 46TH ANNUAL CAIN PARK ARTS FESTIVAL

For more than four decades, the Cain Park Arts Fest brings to Cleveland Heights the work of hundreds of artists from across the country and thousands of visitors for a three-day juried event. ADMISSION IS FREE.

The Evans Amphitheater and Alma Theater will feature the following FREE performances during the Cain Park Arts Fest.

FREE Concerts During Cain Park Arts Fest

July

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| 7 | Charlie Mosbrook with special guest Taylor Lamborn Alma Theater |
| 7 | James McKeivier & the Starry Sky Evans Amphitheater |
| 8 | Big Bang Boom (featuring Ben Folds' brother, Chuck Folds) Alma Theater— <i>Kid-Oriented Show</i> |
| 8 | Diana Chittester, Darren Frate, Hannah Renee Sowry featuring members of The Brakes & Groove Train, The Breakfast Club Evans Amphitheater |
| 9 | Djapo Cultural Arts African Drums & Dance Alma Theater |
| 9 | Jeff and the Local 4's Evans Amphitheater |

ART

Supporters of fine art can enjoy two exhibits this summer at Cain Park's Feinberg Gallery.

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| May 19–July 22 | Community: All Access (A collaboration with Cleveland Institute of Art) |
| July 28–September 22 | A Smoker's Etiquette: Social Complexities at a Designated Smoke Table |

PRIDE IN THE PARK

The City of Cleveland Heights will hold its first-ever “Pride in the Park” event at Cain Park on July 24, 2023. More details to follow.

For more information about the season, to purchase tickets, including group sales, and for details about each show, please visit <https://www.cainpark.com>. Tickets for all concerts and theater productions are available for purchase online at cainpark.com or by calling the Cain Park Box Office at 216-371-3000.

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