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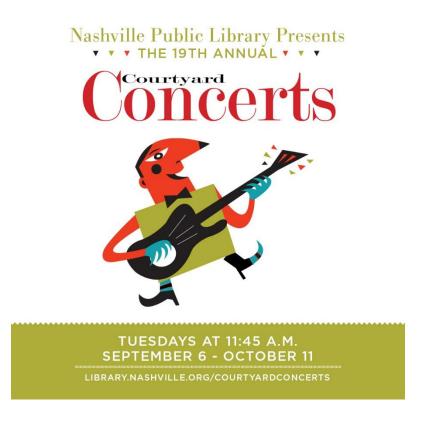
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# 19th ANNUAL COURTYARD CONCERTS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6 AT NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Six Acts to Appear at Library's Free Lunchtime Concerts This Year

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Nashville Public Library's <u>Courtyard Concerts</u> returns with inperson performances starting Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The Library's free lunchtime concert series is held in the Robinson Courtyard at NPL's Main Library (615 Church St.). The concerts run 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. every Tuesday through Oct. 11.

This year's lineup features an enticing mix of new artists and returning favorites.

# 2022 Courtyard Concerts Lineup

## Sept. 6: Riders in The Sky

For more than 40 years, Grammy Award-winning legends Riders in The Sky have single-handedly revitalized Western music. As stars of the stage, screen, Grand Ole Opry, Saturday morning TV, National Public Radio, and Sirius/XM Satellite Radio, "America's Favorite Cowboys" have branded the genre with wacky humor and way-out Western wit.

## ridersinthesky.com

## Sept. 13: Stacy Mitchhart Band

It was natural that Stacy Mitchhart gravitated to the six-string. As he grew up, jazz guitar masters played on the radio, and Little Richard's showmanship on TV captivated him in his native Cincinnati, Ohio home. He also began his recording career there, with 1993's "Blues Transfusion." But when he played his first gigs in Nashville 26 years ago, he knew he'd found his musical home. More than two decades later, Mitchhart's name is still synonymous with blues in the most rapidly-growing city along the Cumberland River, and he still spends the bulk of his time playing locally, with 200 shows in Nashville each year.

## stacymitchhart.com

# Sept. 20: Lalo Dávila and Friends Salsa Band

Lalo Dávila is an educator, composer, author, and performer. He was named "Nashville Scene's" Best Latin Jazz Musician in 2012. He performs with numerous and diverse artists and groups, ranging from the Nashville Symphony and Nashville Ballet to Allen Vizzutti and Arturo Sandoval, to name only a few. Most recently, Lalo's voice and music can be heard as Jafar in Disney's Dual Language Series "Aladdin." Dávila is currently a Professor of Music and Director of Percussion Studies at Middle Tennessee State University.

lalodavila.com/lalo-and-friends-salsa-band.html

## Sept. 27: Sarah Jane Nelson

Born in Arkansas, Sarah Jane spent her summers traveling to bluegrass festivals with her grandparents. After high school, she won America's Miss T.E.E.N. beauty pageant, moved to New York City, and performed in plays and musicals. She made her Broadway debut in Julie Taymor's "The Green Bird." Later, after marriage, children, a move to Nashville, and a divorce, she returned to the music of her childhood. She wrote her way to resilience, through grief, and toward love. Nelson's latest album, "Shelby Park," was recorded at The Rukkus Room and Monster Studios in Nashville.

## sarahjanenelson.com

#### Oct. 4: The WannaBeatles

The WannaBeatles offer a must-see musical tribute. When it comes to recreating the fun and excitement of the most popular band in music history, The WannaBeatles more than live up to their name. Their inventive musical medleys celebrate the best of pop music and are guaranteed showstoppers. Grammy Award finalists who receive standing ovations across the country, The WannaBeatles will entertain you with music, comedy, and original material to create a different kind of Beatles experience. The WannaBeatles – Where FAB meets FUN!

#### thewannabeatles.com

#### Oct. 11: Connye Florance with Kevin Madill

Connye Florance and Kevin Madill have inspired audiences with their passionate, conversational brand of jazz for more than 20 years. Connye is an award-winning vocalist, often featured with Nashville Jazz Orchestra; she performs her one-woman show "Jazz Rhapsody" across the country. Kevin, a musician since age five, is highly respected for his work as a studio musician, producer, arranger, and music director. He has worked on thousands of recordings and live shows for artists like Tony Bennett, The Temptations, Benita Hill, and countless others.

## connyeflorance.com

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Courtyard Concerts series is made possible by the <u>Nashville</u> Public Library Foundation.

# About Nashville Public Library

With more than two million books, movies, and music items to choose from — plus great programming and resources to improve early and adult literacy, STEAM, ESL, and other key skills — NPL is Nashville's gateway to some of the best resources our city has to offer. Every year, across our 21-location system, thousands of visitors discover how our library lives up to our philosophy: at NPL, books are only half the story.



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