

City of Countryside 2018 Summer Concert Series - "Passport to Countryside!"

June 7th Concert – ITALY

Opener: **Steel Express Band**

Website: www.steelexpressband.com

Bio: Steel Express is one of the most unique and dynamic groups on the Chicago musical scene. Their distinctive blend of Caribbean steel pans with an American beat has delighted audiences throughout the Midwest. The band features our very own Countryside residents, Mark Smith on Double Tenor pans and Janet Smith on keyboards.

Headliner: **Rosie and the Rivets**

Website: www.rosieandtherivets.com

Bio: Rosie & The Rivets are the premier retro Rock & Roll show performing the best danceable music from the mid 1950's to early 1960's along with some current music with a retro twist!

June 14th Concert – IRELAND

Opener: **Whisky Brothers Band**

Website: www.facebook.com/whiskeybrothersband

Bio: Founded in 2001, The Whiskey Brothers is Chicagoland's premier traditional Irish band. They play jigs and reels, fun drinking songs, beautiful Irish ballads, American music with an Irish flair, and more!

Headliner: **1976**

Website: www.1976band.com

Bio: The band 1976 revisits all the great rockin' music from that era and takes you along for the ride. These six outstanding musicians authentically recreate all your favorites by bands & musicians like Fleetwood Mac, Peter Frampton, Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers, Heart, Boston, Steve Miller, Bad Company, Pat Benatar, The Cars, Elton John, and so many other rock bands from the 70's.

June 21st Concert – CARIBBEAN

Opener: **Timeless**

Bio: Timeless, formerly the Saracens, was named one of the top three rock bands in the western suburbs by Suburban Life in 1967. The band has reunited and continue to play and entertain fans throughout the Western Suburbs.

Headliner: **Johnny Russler & The Beach Bum Band**

Website: www.beachbumband.com

Bio: Johnny Russler & the Beach Bum Band combine the tropical sounds of Caribbean rock, reggae, and calypso with songs by Jimmy Buffett, Bob Marley, Jimmy Cliff, Paul Simon, Sublime, Jerry Jeff Walker, Zac Brown Band and many more into a musical blender to create a strong concoction direct from the lower latitudes!

June 28^h Concert – MEXICO

Opener: **Cielito Lindo**

Website: www.cielitolindo.com

Bio: Cielito Lindo is a modern Latino mariachi style band formed by the Lucero family of 9. The family performs the traditional music of Mexico, but also performs the occasional a cappella & English pop song. Their goal is to share their culture and inspire families to enjoy and explore music and the arts together.

Headliner: **The Four C Notes**

Website: www.thefourcnotes.com

Bio: Recreating the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons are the Midwest's only tribute to this iconic group, whose rags to riches story was the basis of the smash hit, *JERSEY BOYS!* The Four C Notes is a non-stop party with four guys in matching outfits singing some of the biggest hits of one of the most iconic groups of all time! Based out of Chicago, The Four C Notes features John Michael Coppola, from the hometown Broadway production of the record breaking musical, *JERSEY BOYS*.

July 5th Concert – SWEDEN

Opener: **Scott Allen Band**

Website: scottallenband.com

Bio: The Scott Allen Band plays old & new, rock & roll and all the party-dancing favorite classics! They are an unstoppable force of groovy, tasteful, thoughtful, edgy, quality-driven sound & harmonious musical experiment with the bands very own special touch.

Headliner: **ABBA Salute**

Website: www.bass-schuler.com/abba-salute

Bio: ABBA Salute is quite literally the most accurate ABBA tribute band in the country. With painstaking attention to detail, they have recreated an ABBA experience that won't soon be forgotten. Fronted by two dynamic ladies with angelic voices, and backed by a group of world class musicians, the music of the greatest pop band in history comes to life in a Las Vegas type show that mesmerizes the viewer, both young and old alike.

July 19th Concert – ENGLAND

Opener: **Cirrus Falcon**

Website: www.cirrusfalcon.com

Bio: Cirrus Falcon is a versatile musical group that plays from a HUGE catalog of material. Every performance is uniquely different, but always a lot of fun. At any given show you might hear classic rock, alternative, acoustic rock, Irish favorites, Jimmy Buffet tunes, country, 60's/70's/80's retro and more.

Headliner: **American English**

Website: www.americanenglish.com

Bio: American English is simply the best Beatle tribute story of our time. At the inception of the band, they were voted "number one" by thousands of Beatle fans as winners at "Beatlefest" for three consecutive years. They have also won *Illinois Entertainer of the Year* and been voted "Best Tribute Band" three of the last four years by their fans in the Chicagoland area. Their demand here and abroad, coupled with their spectacular fan base, has anchored them into a professional setting and launched them into larger venues and theatres worldwide.

July 26th Concert – SPAIN

Opener: **Guitarra Azul**

Website: www.guitarraazul.net

Bio: Guitarra Azul is world class musicianship, spirited dance, irresistible rhythm and unforgettable melodies!

Opener: **Wild Daisy**

Website: www.wilddaisyband.com

Bio: Wild Daisy is the most energetic, dynamic, female-fronted country band in the Chicagoland area. The band plays all the current, upbeat country favorites, with a few pop/rock surprises thrown in. With 3 amazing singers in Wild Daisy, the audience hears a variety of singing styles. Wild Daisy plays every show with non-stop energy and enthusiasm and will get the audience engaged and on their feet!

****This night is complete with a special fireworks show!****

August 2nd Concert – POLAND

Opener: **Dan Mateja & The IPA Band**

Website: www.ipapolkas.com

Bio: The International Polka Association (IPA) Tribute Band started in Summer of 2011 when the members, all veteran Polka musicians, were asked to perform on RFD-TV representing the International Polka Association (IPA). The performance was very well-received and they were asked to do a few more performances. Many of the band members are currently serving on the Board of the International Polka Association. One of the main purposes of the IPA Tribute Band is to increase awareness of the Polka Music by performing songs that pay tribute to Polka Music's Hall of Fame Inductees and Award Winners. Many of the selections in their performances are award winning songs which represent some of the most popular Polka Music ever recorded.

Headliner: **Spoken Four**

Website: www.chicago-bands.com/band/spoken-four

Bio: Spoken Four is a member of the Maggie Speaks family, a well-known Chicago band that is the “it” band on the Chicago scene, playing at nightclubs, charity events, weddings and festivals. They deliver high energy, non-stop performances that have become a trademark of all Maggie Speaks’ bands.