

CHIRP 2011

Free Concerts ★ 7:00 PM ★ Ballard Park

★ Bring a picnic and a blanket! ★

MAY

TUES 31st

RANI ARBO & DAISY MAYHEM - Recurring CHIRP favorite with "sweeping timeless melodies with cosmopolitan splashes of modern pop & jazz." (Boston Globe)
Underwritten by the Anna-Maria & Stephen Kellen Foundation

JUNE

TUES 7th

HOUSTON JONES - California based high octane Americana acoustic quintet. "A gem of a band...wonderful original tunes." (Billboard.com)
Underwritten by the Wadsworth Russell Lewis Fund

TUES 14th

MILTON - A lively, rootsy band of musicians known for their soul-stirring performances and led by Milton, a troubadour with a most distinctive voice.
Partially underwritten by Bettye Turitto

TUES 21st

METROPOLITAN KLEZMER - Inspired interpretations and originals around a panorama of eclectic Yiddish repertoire, with musical influences ranging from Eastern European to Zydeco, jazz, Latin, funk etc.

TUES 28th

SLAID CLEAVES - Twangy country, Dust Bowl Folk, and "one of the finest singer-songwriters from Texas," (NY Times) Slaid returns as a trio for CHIRP's tenth season.
Partially underwritten by Union Savings Bank

THURS 30th

ELIZA GILKYSON - "Edgy lyrics...piercing imagery...a lush and passionate voice." (NY Times) Winner of multiple Americana music awards. Another of CHIRP's most requested artists.
Underwritten by John Katz

JULY

SAT 2nd

THE U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND & SOLDIER'S CHORUS returns for a knock out 4th of July concert. This concert takes place at Veteran's Park Field. Presented with support from The Ridgefield Press, American Legion and Jack Herr

TUES 5th

HOT CLUB OF COWTOWN - "The world's most engaging Western Spring Band," (London Sunday Times) plays music that is energetic and full of joy.
Partially funded by Bob & Loire Leavitt

TUES 12th

CROOKED STILL - A profoundly talented string quintet famed for its contemporary sound and unique rendition of old time classics and traditional ballads.
Underwritten by Purkiss Capital Advisors, LLC.

THURS 14th

PATTI ROTHBERG - Classic Rock/pop artist, her songs made the Billboard charts in the 90s. After a few years' hiatus to write and paint, her newest CD "Overnight Sensation" will have you on your feet.

TUES 19th

SOLAS - "The first truly great Irish band to arise from America," (Boston Herald) and among "the most exciting bands anywhere in the world," (Irish Echo) makes its first CHIRP appearance.
Underwritten by Chris Pike of Ridgefield Music.

THURS 21st

MARY GAUTHIER - "...Among the best singer-songwriters of her generation..." (Associated Press) this extraordinary talent returns accompanied by Grammy Winner and Duhks former fiddler Tania Elizabeth.

TUES 26th

AMY SPEACE - A beautiful crystalline voice, an impressive ability to write simple but memorable songs, and "a rare gift for telling tales," (Village Voice) she returns with a new CD, "Land Like a Bird."
Underwritten by William Leventon

THURS 28th

THE GREENCARDS - Winners, Best Emerging Artist of the Year at the 2006 America Awards, these Aussies compose their own American music and have earned the respect of the bluegrass world.
Partially funded by the Leir Foundation

AUGUST

TUES 2nd

C.J. CHENIER & HIS RED HOT LOUISIANA BAND - "heir to the Zydeco throne" (Billboard Mag) who "takes Zydeco into the R&B mainstream" (Washington Post) presents an awesome night in the park.
Underwritten by Ridgefield Academy

THURS 4th

MISS TESS & THE BON TON PARADE - Calling her blend of jazz, blues and Americana "modern vintage," Miss Tess writes original songs that sound like unearthed gems from the Great American Songbook.
Underwritten by Webster Bank

TUES 9th

3 PENNY ACRE - Hailing from Arkansas this trio has a unique, Ozark-inspired sound. It composes fresh new songs with carefully crafted acoustic arrangements that are steeped in roots music traditions.

THURS 11th

NEW COUNTRY REHAB - "Poised to be the NEXT BIG THING in Canadian music," (CBC Radio), these experienced musicians have formed a band referred to as Canada's answer to The Avett Brothers.
Underwritten by Jon & Allison Stockel

TUES 16th

ALEXIS P. SUTER - Blues singer with style reminiscent of KoKo Taylor and a voice "fierce and ferocious," (Living Blues Magazine) she wowed the CHIRP crowd in her Ridgefield 2010 debut.
Partially underwritten by the Law firm of Cohen & Wolf P.C.

THURS 18th

THE FAIRFIELD COUNTS - Music from the Big Bands of the thirties and forties.

TUES 23rd

TBA - This band is so hot right now we're not allowed to mention them until after Memorial Day. New to CHIRP this year, the band should appeal to youth and those who like to party.
Underwritten by Sam Hur of Ridgefield Cleaners.

THURS 25th

THE CLAIRE LYNCH BAND - Two time winner of the IBMA Female Vocalist of the Year Award and nominated for many other awards, this woman is a powerhouse in the world of post modern bluegrass.

TUES 30th

DANA FUCHS BAND - A rocking vibe infused with influences from 60s Stax/Volt R&B to the Rolling Stones, Fuchs was CHIRP's most popular performer of 2009.



Houston Jones



Metropolitan Klezmer



Hot Club of Cowtown



Crooked Still



Solias



Amy Speace



Miss Tess & The Bon Ton Parade



Three Penny Acre



New Country Rehab



The Claire Lynch Band

For more info see www.CHIRPCT.org

Rain venue for all Tuesday concerts through August 2 will be The Ridgefield Playhouse. Thereafter, in event of inclement weather all Tuesday CHIRP concerts move to East Ridge Middle School. For Thursday concerts, check weekly ad for rain venue. Series co-sponsored by The Town of Ridgefield through the Parks & Recreation Dept. & The Ridgefield Press Barbara Manners, Producer. Call 431-2760 after 4 p.m. on concert days to confirm location.