

Ridge History Park 2022 Concert Series

As part of our effort to give back to our community, we've scheduled a series of six concerts, free to the general public, to be held at the park the **second Sunday of each month, May through October. All performances are from 2:00 to 4:00 pm** and outdoors, weather permitting. If weather fights us, the shows will be held in the visitor center.



Eddie Allen

Sunday, May 15, 2022

The great, insightful, funny, inspiring Eddie Allen returns to the Ridge History Park to kick off our concert series. His performance last year left people smiling and wanting more. Well, here's some more!

Eddie says he has "been around long enough to come up with a lot of dumb ideas but mostly has been making up songs and telling stories to folks everywhere he goes." His songs and stories reflect the lives and times and struggles and victories of the people whose paths he has crossed while passing through this sliver of light.

He makes his home on the banks of the Upper Mississippi River in the tiny village of Trempealeau, Wisconsin. He is often afloat but rarely adrift. There will be laughter and celebration, songs and tall tales.

Carol Montag

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Performing singer/songwriter Carol Montag has been described by folk music legend Tom Paxton as a "genuine discovery" and "the best thing to come out of Iowa since Bonnie Koloc." Her influences include Joni Mitchell, Judy Collins, Eva Cassidy, Julie Andrews, John Denver, and James Taylor to name a few. She has recorded four solo albums and two Christmas CDs with Kathy Donnelly and Nina Swanson in the trio known as Tribute. Carol has opened for or shared the stage with Arlo Guthrie, Michael Johnson, Jim Post, Greg Brown, Priscilla Herdmann, David Wilcox, John Gorka, John Stewart, Cliff Eberhardt, Larry Groce, as well as Three Dog Night.

Carol was invited by the US Ambassador of Cambodia, Kennet Quinn, to perform at the 2010 World Food Prize Laureate Award Ceremony. Past performers at the ceremony include such notables as Ray Charles, John Denver, and Simon Estes. Carol performs original songs, traditional and contemporary folk, and songs from the Great American Songbook on acoustic guitar and piano.



Under Paris Skies

Sunday July 10, 2022

The acoustic trio Under Paris Skies celebrates the music of French sidewalk cafes, vintage jazz clubs, Argentine dance halls and Latin rhythms. Together Ron Reimer, Steven Meger and Larry Dalton forge a unique musical blend of wall-of-sound accordion, swinging guitar and rocking bass. Sophisticated arrangements and sentimental melodies carry you to faraway and familiar places. An extremely popular regional band, Under Paris Skies features a unique musical blend of vintage swing, cabaret, tango, samba, bossa and flamenco influences.



Andy Hughes

Sunday, August 14

Hailing from the banks of the mighty Mississippi River, La Crosse, WI based singer-songwriter Andy Hughes has spent the last 20 years soaking up the music and culture around him to create his own words and music. For much of that time, Andy has been the front man and main songwriter for the successful Alternative Reggae/Ska band, TUGG. With TUGG, Andy has toured with The Wailers, The Dirty Heads, Passafire, and more. He's played shows with Ziggy Marley, Sublime with Rome, Bad Religion, and The English Beat.

Hughes, however, is a life-long fan of classic country music, especially, Johnny Cash. Other major song-writing inspirations include John Prine and Kris Kristofferson. With this new country-folk sound, Andy looks forward to traveling and sharing music from his debut "Heartland and Heartache" which was released in June of 2017.

RHP's Annual Ridgefest

Featuring The Sapsuckers

Sunday, September 11

The Sapsuckers write and perform original country music that blends humor, heartache, and honkytonk. Featuring lead vocalist Nikki Grossman (fiddle, vocals, guitar) and anchored in the songwriting team of Grossman and Joe Hart (guitar, vocals, mandolin), the band's style ranges from hillbilly roots to Nashville pop, while their engaging performance style has earned a growing fanbase in the Midwest and beyond. They are certainly loved here at home.



Formed as an acoustic duo in 2013, the couple began performing with a backing band in 2019, and is currently booking shows in both configurations. Their fourth studio album will be released in 2022. Recorded at Native Sound Recordings in Saint Louis and co-produced by Ryan Koenig (Pokey La Farge, Rum Drum Ramblers), the new record features the expanded lineup of the band.



Luke Callen

Sunday, October 9

Originally from the river town of La Crosse, Wisconsin – the heart of the Driftless Region on the Mississippi River – and currently lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota by way of Colorado, Luke brings his humble sense of humor and humanity wherever he may go. His last two solo albums – I'll Take it With Me (2017) and Below Your Knows (2019) – reach from the ethereal to the eternally real – whimsical walks in the out of doors to hopelessness and heartache and all the in between.

Luke has played hundreds of shows spanning both coasts, the American west, south and heartland. He has had the opportunity to provide support for Dom Flemons, Dead Horses, The Dustbowl Revival, Kacy & Clayton, James McMurtry, Whiskey Shivers, Charlie Parr, The Lowest Pair, The Last Revel, Lilly Hiatt, Chicago Farmer, and Robbie Fulks among others.

Join us this season and enjoy these fine musical artists for free.
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