

CHIRP 2009



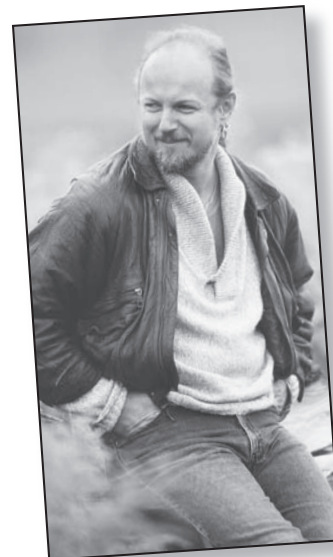
Free Concerts ★ 7:00 PM ★ Ballard Park

★ Bring a picnic and a blanket! ★

MAY

TUES 26th

RANI ARBO & DAISY MAYHEM - "Sweeping timeless melodies with cosmopolitan splashes of modern pop & jazz." (Boston Globe)
Underwritten by Purkiss Capital Advisors, LLC.



Garnet Rogers

JUNE

TUES 2nd

GARNET ROGERS W/GUEST CHERYL PRASHKER - "He mixes the powerful and the gentle...One of the major talents of our time." (Boston Globe)
Co- underwritten by Bob & Loire Leavitt

TUES 9th

GANDALF MURPHY & THE SLAMBOVIAN CIRCUS OF DREAMS
- A charismatic band playing a whimsical blend of rock, hillbilly, folk & pop.
Underwritten by Schneider Family Foundation

*TUES 16th

SUSAN WERNER - A singer/songwriter with a beautiful classical voice who effortlessly slides between jazz, pop and folk.
Underwritten by Chris Pike of Ridgefield Music

THUR 18th

WEST POINT JAZZ KNIGHTS - The best of big band jazz and pop from our men in uniform.
Co-sponsored by CHIRP, The Ridgefield Press and the American Legion

TUES 23rd

BILL EVAN'S SOULGRASS - Saxophonist Bill Evans blends jazz, funk and roots, into his own unique hybrid.
Co-underwritten by Cohen & Wolf



Amy Speace

TUES 30th

AMY SPEACE & THE TEARJERKS - A beautiful crystalline voice, an uncanny ability to write simple but memorable songs with a "rare gift for telling tales." (Village Voice)
Co-underwritten by Union Savings Bank

JULY

THUR 2nd

HARRY MANX - The exotic tones of Indian music mixed with Mississippi Blues and a mastery of the 20 string guitar.

*TUES 7th

MARTYN JOSEPH - "The Welsh Bruce Springsteen," His music is impassioned, his songs questioning. His live performances have "a depth, resonance and emotional punch, which belies comparison." (Q Magazine)

TUES 14th

CROOKED STILL - Renowned for its contemporary sound and unique rendition of old time classics and traditional ballads.
Underwritten by Webster Bank



Martyn Joseph

THUR 16th

SYNERGY BRASS QUINTET - Classical music played by a group that will inspire and delight the whole family.
Underwritten by Bill Leventon & Cathy Smith

TUES 21st

SLAID CLEAVES - Twangy country, Dust Bowl Folk and a new CD available for your collection.

THUR 23rd

STONEHONEY - Recently formed, with a sound reminiscent of 70's country rock, this band from the West is rapidly making itself known to national audiences.

TUES 28th

OLD SCHOOL FREIGHT TRAIN - A cross between Nickel Creek and a string band version of Wilco, this quintet has received rave reviews from Rolling Stone for its "newgrass" sound..



Crooked Still

THUR 30th

THE FAIRFIELD COUNTS - Take a nostalgia trip while you swing to the hits of the Big Band era.
Underwritten by the Schneider Family Foundation

AUGUST

TUES 4th

THE DUHKS - Hailed by The New York Times as being at the forefront of the neo-folk movement, this Canadian band has shaken up the music world with its blend of soul, gospel, Brazilian samba, zydeco, Irish dance and more.
Underwritten by Sam Hur of Ridgefield Cleaners

TUES 11th

DANA FUCHS BAND - With a soulful and rocking vibe infused with influences ranging from 60sStax/Volt R&B, to Lucinda Williams to Rolling Stones.
Underwritten by Lewis Fund



The Duhks

THUR 13th

THE MCDADES - Celtic rooted music fused with spontaneity of jazz improvisation earned this group the 2007 Canadian Juno award for Best Roots/Traditional Album.
Co-underwritten by Matthew Sixtofore Foundation

*TUES 18th

ELIZA GILKYSON - "Edgy lyrics...piercing imagery...a lush and passionate voice." (NY Times)
Underwritten by John Katz

TUES 25th

C.J. CHENIER & HIS RED HOT LOUISIANA BAND
Taking zydeco into the R & B mainstream "Chenier attacks the accordion with the tension and drive of James Brown" (Boston Globe)
Underwritten by Schneider Family Foundation



Dana Fuchs Band

SEPTEMBER

TUES 1st

APRIL VERCH - Winner of Canadian Grand Master's Fiddle Championship, able to fiddle, step dance and sing all simultaneously. Amazing energy.
Co-underwritten by Allison and Jon Stockel

**During asterisked performances please be especially kind and courteous to the performing artists and to other listeners. Help to keep children quiet and contained. Throughout these performances children are invited to release their energy in the back of the park away from the listening audience.*

For more info see www.CHIRPCT.org

In the event of rain, concerts will be held at The Ridgefield Playhouse

(June 2, 9 & 23rd at East Ridge Middle School No food or drink permitted in school auditorium.)

Series sponsored by The Town of Ridgefield through the Parks & Recreation Dep't. & The Ridgefield Press

Barbara Manners, Producer. Call 431-2760 after 4 p.m. on concert days to confirm location.



C.J. Chenier