

## **Cantigny Park's Free Outdoor Concerts Begin Memorial Day Weekend**

*Sunday afternoon and holiday concerts are back, plus four Saturday shows for kids; New for 2011: "Summer Sounds" in the gardens every Thursday evening*

**WHEATON, IL, May 16, 2011** — Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, is once again the leading west suburban venue for free summer concerts! Starting Memorial Day weekend, 18 outstanding musical acts will entertain guests on Sunday afternoons and on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

In addition, four Saturday shows especially for kids are scheduled, and on June 2<sup>nd</sup> Cantigny introduces Summer Sounds in the park's spectacular gardens. Summer Sounds will feature complimentary live music every Thursday evening from 5 to 7 pm, June through September.

Sunday and children's concerts feature lawn seating and are free with paid parking. Performances take place at the Cantigny bandshell or, if noted, in front of the First Division Museum:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Band** (patriotic music)  
Saturday, May 28, 5 pm at the First Division Museum
- **West Suburban Concert Band** (patriotic)  
Sunday, May 29, 3 pm at the First Division Museum
- **Steve Cooper Orchestra** (big band)  
Monday, May 30, 3 pm
- **Navy Band Great Lakes** (brass quintet)  
Sunday, June 5, 3 pm
- **The Special Consensus** (bluegrass)  
Sunday, June 12, 3 pm
- **Three Men in Kilts** (Irish)  
Sunday, June 26, 3 pm
- **1969** (60's tribute)  
Sunday, July 3, 3 pm
- **Illinois Brass Band** (patriotic)  
Monday, July 4, 3 pm at the First Division Museum  
*Free parking on Independence Day!*
- **West End Jazz Band** (20's and 30's music)  
Sunday, July 10, 3 pm
- **The Hoyle Brothers** (country)  
Sunday, July 17, 3 pm
- **Guitarra Azul** (pop flamenco)  
Sunday, July 24, 3 pm

- **Britbeat** (Beatles tribute)  
Sunday, July 31, 3 pm
- **Chicago Brass Band** (swing)  
Sunday, August 7, 3 pm
- **U.S. Air Force Band** (jazz ensemble)  
Sunday, August 14, 3 pm at the First Division Museum
- **Banjo Buddies Dixieland Band** (jazz)  
Sunday, August 21, 3 pm
- **Pan Go Steel Band** (steel drums)  
Sunday, August 28, 3 pm
- **Rick “Elvis” Saucedo** (Elvis tribute)  
Sunday, September 4, 3 pm
- **Jim Guter’s Big Band** (big band)  
Monday, September 5, 3 pm

Especially for kids, each at 2 pm:

- **Jeanie B! and The Jelly Beans**  
Saturday, June 25
- **Jim Gill**  
Saturday, July 9
- **Little Nashville**  
Saturday, July 23
- **ScribbleMonster**  
Saturday, August 13

For all concerts, guests are encouraged to bring a blanket or chairs. Picnics are welcome, and Le Jardin (in the Cantigny Visitors Center) serves lunch from 11 am to 3 pm.

Cantigny Park is open every day throughout the summer from 7 am to dusk. Parking fees are \$5 per vehicle or \$2 off-peak (before 10 am and after 5 pm). Annual parking passes are available for \$60.

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### **About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, visit [CantignyGolf.com](http://CantignyGolf.com).

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