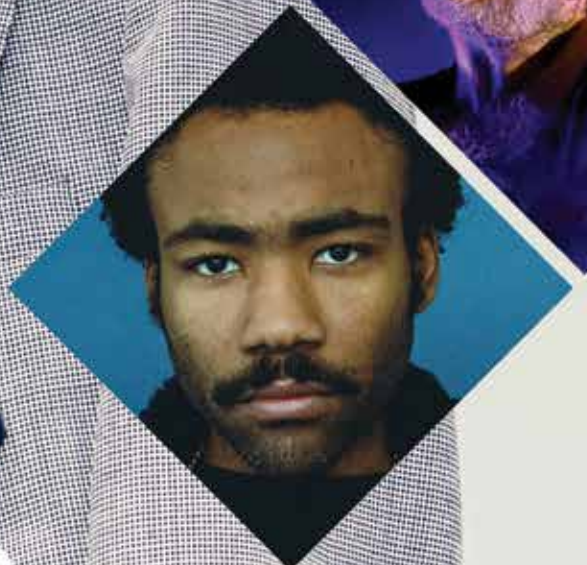


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PHEW, IT'S HOT OUT! OR MAYBE IT'S COLD AND RAINY, YOU NEVER REALLY KNOW WHAT WEATHER YOU'LL GET IN CHICAGO. WHAT WE DO KNOW, HOWEVER, IS THAT THERE ARE TONS OF GREAT CONCERTS TO SEE THIS SUMMER. FROM FREE INDIE POP CONCERTS IN MILLENNIUM PARK TO THE MOST INFLUENTIAL POWER COUPLE IN MUSIC AT SOLDIER FIELD, THIS CONCERT GUIDE HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.



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Thom Yorke of Radiohead



Genevieve Aly & AJ



Janelle Monáe Ne-Yo



July 5 JANELLE MONÁE
Chicago Theatre
7:30 pm

\$60+
One of the most creative names in music, Janelle Monáe is finally gaining the traction she deserves. A master of creating unexpectedly cohesive albums with songs from divergent genres, this talent is especially apparent in her latest release, *Dirty Computer*. After coming out as pansexual earlier this year, it is clear this is a very personal album to her as it's overarching theme is about being told you're "dirty" for being different.

July 6 GENEVIEVE
Beat Kitchen
8 pm

\$12
Originally from Chicago, this indie pop singer is returning to wow her hometown. Her music is full of catchy tunes with a bit of a 60's vibe. The former lead singer of Company of Thieves, she's continuing to build her solo career as she goes on tour this summer.

ALY & AJ
Thalia Hall
8:30 pm

\$20+
Disney stars, no more. Their new sound is relaxed synthpop and it's full of laid-back bops. With a recently released single "Good Love" and a full LP planned for release later this year, they'll have plenty of new music to play. Hopefully they have found a way to update "Potential Breakup Song" with their new sound.

July 6&7 RADIOHEAD
United Center
7:30 pm

\$64+
Creeping into Chicago this summer, this band needs no introduction. Together for over 30 years, they became Radiohead in 1992. After 6 Grammy awards, they've continued to evolve their sound over the years. Known for being political, they released an album in 2003 protesting the War on Terror, something that still affects politics today. They are now touring to promote their reissue of their classic album *OK Computer*.



Jonny P Joey Purp

July 7 JOEY PURP
Thalia Hall
9:30 pm

\$18
Stay in school, kids, unless you're Joey Purp. After realizing he was a talented rapper, he dropped out of high school his senior year. Focusing on his talent has paid off, as he has worked with big names like Chance the Rapper in his song "Girls @" and recently released his debut album *iiiDrops* to critical acclaim.

July 11 ODIE
Beat Kitchen
7:30 pm
\$12

The Beat Kitchen is the perfect venue for this Nigerian-Canadian singer's unique sound. Mixing African-inspired beats with deep and personal lyrics, this soulful singer states that it's his job as an artist to be true to himself.

July 12 JONNY P
Schubas Tavern
8 pm

\$12
Bringing classic soul to a new generation, Jonny P's music sounds like it might have come straight out of the 60's. His genre purity is a strength, though, as he takes a timeless sound and makes it fresh and new. A son of Jamaican immigrants, this Nashville-based performer is one of millions of examples of how immigrants make our country better.

July 14 NE-YO
Huntington Bank Pavilion
6 pm

\$24+
This Grammy award winning artist, known for his catchy R&B tunes and smooth dance moves, is constantly creating radio-ready music, his latest album *Good Man* was released early last month. Join him as he performs as part of the Summer Block Party, and stay to see some 90s throwbacks including Ashanti and Ja Rule.

July 19 VACATIONER
Lincoln Hall
8 pm

\$15 (\$17 at door)
Summer is the perfect time for a vacation, but if you can't take the time off, at least check out this dream-pop band. With hints of psychedelic rock and melodies that will have you singing right along, they know how to produce a catchy yet unique tune. This tour is to promote their just released third album, *Mindset*.

July 20 VAGABON
Schubas Tavern
11 pm

\$15
Lead by the extraordinarily talent Lætitia Tamko, this indie pop band is a must-see. Sometimes wispy and whimsical, and other times intense and belting, she knows how to perform a wide range of emotions. She states she wants her music, and indie rock music in general, to reach more women of color, specifically black women like herself, both to expand the reach of their genre and to bring more women of color into the community.



Vagabon



Nikki Lane

July 23
SYLVAN ESSO
Riviera Theatre
7:30 pm

\$35
With quirky, infectious melodies and jazzy harmonies, this electropop duo from North Carolina is taking their show on the road. After releasing their second album, *What Now*, early last year, they're already moving forward with new music. Their latest single, "PARAD(w/m)E" is a pop gem with syncopated beats and hints of chiptunes (8-bit music made with vintage video games and computer equipment).

July 23
NIKKI LANE
Lincoln Hall
8 pm

\$20
If you like country music, or even if you don't, you'll probably like Nikki Lane. Taking classic country rock and bringing it into the new millennium, this singer is making waves. She released her third full-length album, *Highway Queen*, in 2017 to rave reviews. So grab your cowboy boots and stomp on down to the floor.



Shakira
Pat Lok

July 29
PAT LOK
Cerise Rooftop at the Virgin Hotel
2 pm

Free
Mixing R&B and house vibes, this electronic producer knows how to create a banger. First gaining a following via climbing the charts on Soundcloud and the Hype Machine, this artist creates infectious beats that perfectly accentuate the vocals of his partners. In addition to producing his own tracks, he remixes artists as well, including his most recent of up-and-comer Billie Eilish's "B---es Broken Hearts." If you can't make it in July he'll be back once more on August 26.

July 31
CHARLIE PUTH
with **HAILEE STEINFELD**
Huntington Bank Pavilion
7:30 pm

\$24+
After originally gaining a following by uploading videos on YouTube, this young popstar has broken out and is rising to the top, touring to promote his second album *Voicenotes*, with well-known singles "Attention" and "How Long." For a full night of great pop music, be sure to get there on time to catch actress and singer Hailee Steinfeld, known for her singles "Starving (feat. Zedd)" and "Most Girls" as well as her roles in "Pitch Perfect 2" and "Edge of Seventeen."

August 3
SHAKIRA
United Center
7:30 pm

\$50+
After postponing her tour due to strained vocal chords, Shakira is coming to Chicago for real this time. One of the biggest names in Latin America, this Colombian singer is known for her unique, yodeling vocals and her impeccable belly dancing skills. Touring to promote her latest bilingual album *El Dorado*, she's sure to still include old favorites such as "Whenever, Wherever" and "Hips Don't Lie."

August 8
EMILY BLUE
Schubas Tavern
8 pm

\$12
Chicago's own Emily Blue can be found at venues throughout the city. Inspired by Sylvan Esso, a duo included in this guide, the resemblance is clear in her syncopated and unexpected rhythms. With an her upcoming EP '69, she's sure to have some new music to play.

August 10-11
BEYONCÉ and **JAY-Z**
Soldier Field
7:30 pm

\$68+
One of the greatest musical geniuses of our time, and her very talented husband, are headed to Soldier Field for their On The Run tour. After renewing their wedding vows, they're ready to renew your love for their music with this joint tour. After shocking the world yet again with another surprise album, the couple will have a lot of new material to play from *Everything is Love*. And if we're lucky, they'll include a throwback to their original joint venture, "Crazy in Love."

August 10
TACOCAT
Empty Bottle
9 pm

\$12 (\$14 at door)
What do you get when you combine the best food in the world with the best pet in the world? A chocolate cake giraffe. But enough about random facts, this punk rock band is rolling through Chicago this summer. Around for about 10 years, you might guess it was 30 based on their riot grrrl sound. They are rumored to be working on a new album, so they're sure to play a few unreleased tunes.

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Pat Lok
Beyoncé

August 10
NICOLE ATKINS
S.P.A.C.E.
7 pm

\$15+
If you enjoy bluesy, crooning rock with psychedelic influences you are sure to enjoy Nicole Atkins. She's been playing piano and guitar since she was a small child and it's clear that early start allowed her to fully hone her art. She gained traction a little over a decade ago with her well-received *Neptune City*, and has continued to release three full-length albums since then, all with overwhelmingly positive reviews. With raspy and passionate vocals, this is a summer concert you shouldn't miss.

August 11
CASTLECOMER
Schubas Tavern
8 pm

\$10 (\$12 at door)
Traveling all the way from Australia, this light and fun indie rock band was clearly developed in a loving environment. Their upbeat tunes have a perfect, summery vibe. They have a fairly small repertoire, with only two singles released to date, but with a full-length debut set for later this year, they're sure to have a fresh set of new music to play.

August 16
MOONRISE NATION
Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park
6:30 pm

Free
Nothing fits a Chicago summer better than a free concert in the park. After releasing their debut album *Glamour Child* last year, this chill, indie pop trio has a great set of songs to perform.

August 18
BEACH HOUSE
Metro
7:30 pm

\$35
Having performed at Coachella and headlined Pitchfork, this band knows how to put on a live show. They refer to themselves as a dream pop band, but over the years there has been a clear transition from folk-inspired rock to a more psychedelic vibe. They are currently on tour to promote their latest album *7* released earlier this year.

September 7
SALES
Lincoln Hall
8 pm

\$18 (\$20 at door)
You might end up finding coupons when Googling their band name, but that shouldn't deter you from discovering this indie pop band. With a lo-fi sound driven by relaxed guitar melodies and a steady drum backing, this duo knows how to make you sway on the dance floor. Having released three singles over the last few months, a new album is surely on the way.

September 8
CHILDISH GAMBINO
United Center
7:30 pm

\$79+
"Gambino" is the stage name for Donald Glover, of "Solo: A Star Wars Story," "Atlanta" and "Community" fame. He made headlines this year with his important, and hard-to-watch video for his latest single "This Is America," which tackles the realities of gun violence and being black in our country. He announced he would retire this pseudonym summer of last year, so see him for what may be his final tour as Childish Gambino.

The Venues:
Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave.
Cerise Rooftop at Virgin Hotel, 203 N. Wabash Ave.
Chicago Theater, 175 N. State St.
Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave.
Huntington Bank Pavilion, 1300 S. Linn White Drive
Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St.

September 16
DODIE
Thalia Hall
7:30 pm

\$16+
Hailing from across the pond, she's swinging by Chicago on her first U.S. tour. After gaining notoriety through her YouTube channel, she's now reached a milestone with over 1.5 million subscribers. Her music is tender and sweet with catchy pop vocals.

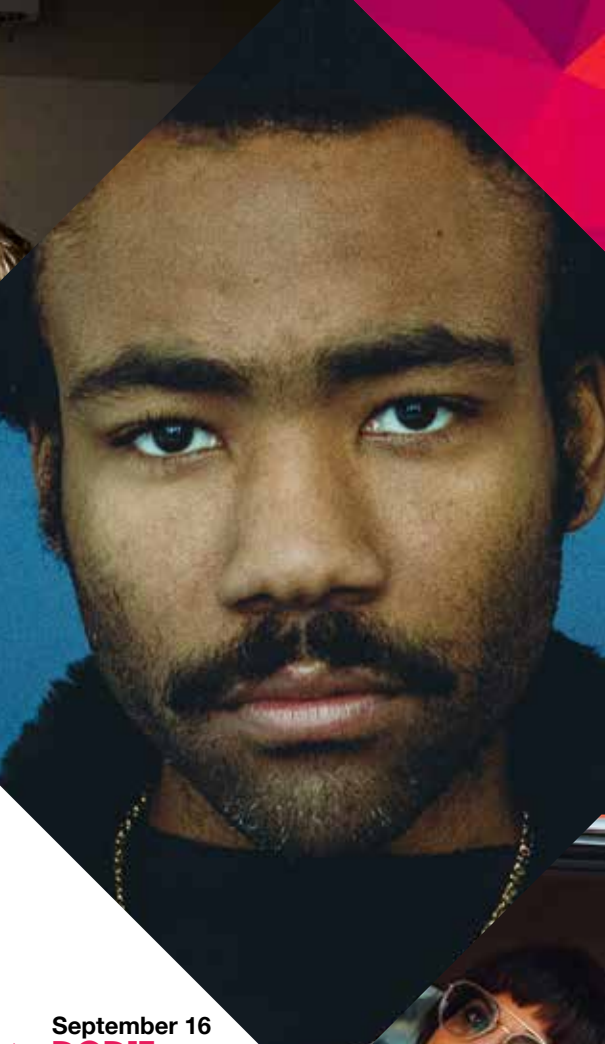
September 22
4TH AVE
Schubas Tavern
2 pm

\$10 (\$12 at door)
If you love a good boy band, you definitely want to check out this up-and-coming foursome. Like Danity Kane and One Direction that came before them, they're the result of an intense reality competition. Catch them at this intimate venue and judge for yourself if they have the lasting power to make it long-term.

Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave.
Metro, 3730 N. Clark St.
Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave.
Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave.
Soldier Field, 1410 Museum Campus Drive
S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave.
Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave.
Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St.
United Center, 1901 W. Madison St.



Castlecomer



Nicole Atkins