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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rogers Park Music & Art Fest shines a spotlight on musicians and artists from Rogers Park

July 8-9, 2022

Formerly the "Flatts and Sharpe Music Fest," the free event expands to a two-day festival, featuring 11 local music acts, food and art vendors native to the neighborhood

CHICAGO (June 27, 2022)—The nonprofit **Rogers Park Business Alliance** (RPBA) is proud to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Rogers Park Music & Art Fest**, taking place on <u>Friday</u>, July 8, 5-10 p.m. and <u>Saturday</u>, July 9, 12-10 p.m., **in person** on the corner of Sheridan Rd. and Columbia Ave. and **live streamed** on the festival website <u>rogersparkmusicandartsfest.com</u>. Free for all with donations encouraged, the festival is a celebration of former, new, as well as current longstanding residents of the neighborhood, reflected in its entertainment lineup featuring 11 local music acts as well as food and art vendors native to Rogers Park.

The entertainment and vendor lineup—specifically curated to reflect the cultural and ethnic diversity of Rogers Park, the community area that most closely resembles the racial make-up of all of Chicago according to Chicago Sun-Times' analysis of the 2020 Census data—is as follows:

# **MUSIC LINEUP (subject to change)**

#### Friday:

In one Ear Open Mic Josh Johnson Blues band Choctaw Wildfire

#### Saturday:

Wee Groove
Flatts & Sharpe All Ages Rock Show
F&S Adult bands

Gustavo Cortinas Jazz Ensemble
Untold Dirty
Black Partridge
Satellite Union
Sarah Potenza

#### **FOOD VENDORS**

Blow Wow Jamaican
The Oasis Tavern

#### **ARTIST VENDORS**

Oh Wow Neat! + Gnome Depot Fibers
Courtney Makes Art
Meridith Yelton candles
Brad Meese Art
Gus Does Stuff
Emotional Kawaii

Founded in 2019 as the "Flatts and Sharpe Music Fest," the festival marks its third year (the fest was not held in 2020) with a name change to reflect the impact of the event bringing the Rogers Park community together through the arts. Also new in 2022, the former one-day festival will expand to two days. Rogers Park Music & Art Fest is sponsored by SSA 54, 49th ward Alderwoman Maria Hadden, The Oasis Tavern, and the Flatts and Sharpe Music Store. For more information on the festival, visit rogersparkmusicandartsfest.com.

Rogers Park Business Alliance (RPBA) is a nonprofit organization that has served Chicago's diverse Rogers Park neighborhood for 29 years. RPBA works to cultivate and sustain a thriving economic environment in Rogers Park, serving businesses and residents with a variety of public events and business initiatives. RPBA programs include the GROW/PROGRESANDO entrepreneurial training program, the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Rogers Park Business Alliance, annual Best of Rogers Park awards, Chalk Howard Street Festival, Taco Crawl, and the Glenwood Sunday Market farmers market. For more information, visit RPBA.org.

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