

June 9, 2021

## RAVINIA FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES UPDATES TO 2021 SUMMER PROGRAMMING

TEN CONCERTS ADDED TO 2021 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Tickets Go on Sale Online on Wednesday, June 16, at 9 a.m.  
for Concerts Between July 1 and August 15

Ravinia Welcomes New Executive Chef to its Restaurants

**HIGHLAND PARK, IL** – The Ravinia Festival is pleased to announce the following additions to its summer 2021 schedule:

**Counting Crows**, August 19

**Marie Osmond** with special guest **David Archuleta** (Ravinia debuts), August 25

**Allison Russell** (Ravinia debut) opens for Lake Street Dive, August 26

**Lady A**, September 3

**The Roots**, September 4

**John Legend**, with opener **The War and Treaty**, September 5 & 6

**Max Weinberg's Jukebox**, September 19

**Frank Orrall** (of Thievery Corporation), September 23 (Carousel concert)

**Ms. Lauryn Hill**, September 25

Tickets for all of these added performances go on sale on July 21.

In addition, the **Chicago Symphony Orchestra** will perform a special salute to the late, great Leonard Bernstein, *Unboxing Bernstein: A Live Revue*, led by rising star conductor Teddy Abrams, in both his CSO and Ravinia debuts, on August 7.

**Ruben Studdard sings Luther Vandross** has been added as the opening act for Brian McKnight on July 30.

The previously announced September 19 performance by Ziggy Marley has been cancelled.

Ravinia is also pleased to welcome Samantha Stefanski as its new Levy Restaurants Executive Chef in the Dining Pavilion and BMO Rooftop. “Chef Sam” will refresh all of the in-park menus for this season, from restaurant dining to Ravinia Market grab-and-go options, with a focus on using local ingredients and adopting current trends, while maintaining some fan-favorite items.

**Tickets** for 2021 performances will go on sale in two phases on Ravinia’s website, [ravinia.org](http://ravinia.org): **on June 16** for concerts between July 1 and August 15, and **on July 21** for concerts after August 15.

As previously announced, **Pavilion** seating for the first half of the season (concerts between July 1 – mid-August), will be sold in physically distanced groups of two or four. The **South Lawn** will provide audiences with pre-reserved, distanced pods for two, four, or six people and will feature a screen showing the live video feed of the stage. The **North Lawn** will have a reduced capacity of general admission access with first-come, first-served seating. The capacity of the North Lawn will be scaled according to current guidelines at the time, but guests are expected to distance appropriately. **Pavilion** seating will increase to full capacity for concerts after August 13.

Ravinia will follow current protocols from the CDC and local authorities; concertgoers should check [ravinia.org/page/2021Policies](http://ravinia.org/page/2021Policies) for the most up-to-date guidelines and protocols that meet or exceed the CDC’s recommendations.

### **[About Ravinia](#)**

As always, guests can bring their own picnics, including food and liquor. A full range of dining options is available at the park, from casual carts to fine dining. Ravinia performances occur rain or shine. Visit the [website](#) for the most up-to-date programming and protocols.

***Artists, dates, and programs are subject to change.***

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**NOTE TO JOURNALISTS**

*A limited number of press seats are available to each concert. Photographs of the facilities and guests artists are available at [pressroom.ravinia.org](http://pressroom.ravinia.org) or by request. Interviews must be arranged in advance. Photographers and video crews are welcome to most performances and should arrange for media credentials in advance. All media requests should be sent to [press@ravinia.org](mailto:press@ravinia.org).*

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