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**COURTYARD CONCERTS RETURN TO LIBRARY AUGUST 9**  
*Free, lunchtime series brings nine acclaimed acts to downtown Nashville*

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Nashvillians can soon enjoy **nine lunchtime music dates** as this year's Courtyard Concerts kick off at Nashville Public Library (NPL).

Courtyard Concerts, free and open to all, occur Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. from Aug. 9 until Oct. 4. They take place in the Robinson Courtyard, located on the second floor of the Main Library, 615 Church St.

Performances are informal, and seating is first-come, first-served. Guests can bring lunch and drop in at their leisure. Courtyard Concerts happen rain or shine; please visit [www.library.nashville.org](http://www.library.nashville.org) or call 615-862-5800 for the latest updates.

- Aug. 9:**        ***Rahsaan Barber Quartet***  
Jazz saxophonist Barber blends jazz with elements of blues, funk, fusion, soul, Latin and World Music. He has appeared with such musical greats as The Temptations, Gladys Knight, Greg Allman and The Spanish Harlem Orchestra.
- Aug. 16:**      ***Riders in the Sky***  
America's favorite cowboys bring their unique brand of C&W (comedy and western) performance to the courtyard. These Grand Ole Opry members preserve western traditions and cowboy music while making little buckaroos and buckarettes laugh and dance. Two-time Grammy winners Riders in the Sky hold the distinction of the only western act to have won the award.
- Aug. 23:**      ***Sara Sant'Ambrogio***  
Grammy Award-winning cellist Sara Sant'Ambrogio has played Carnegie Hall and with symphonies across the U.S.
- Aug. 30:**      ***Stacy Mitchhart***  
Resident Bourbon Street Blues and Boogie Bar bandleader Stacy Mitchhart has made thirteen albums and played in nine countries.

**Sept. 6: *Victor Krauss***

With nearly 500 album credits as a bassist, composer/songwriter or producer, Victor Krauss has toured with Lyle Lovett, Carly Simon and Jerry Douglas. In 2015 Krauss performed with Robert Plant and Alison Krauss at the Kennedy Center tribute to Leadbelly. Krauss's film composing credits include music for Ken Burns and the late Robert Altman, and his compositions are used daily as musical "bumpers" for National Public Radio.

**Sept. 13: *The WannaBeatles***

Nashville's own fab four pay tribute to the legendary British bards.

**Sept. 20: *Songwriters Session: Marshall Chapman, Gary Nicholson, Don Henry***

Marshall Chapman has released 13 critically acclaimed albums, and her songs have been recorded by everyone from Emmylou Harris and Jimmy Buffet to Irma Thomas and Joe Cocker. Gary Nicholson is a number-one hit songwriter, two-time Grammy winning producer, recording artist, world-traveling performer and session guitarist. There are more than five hundred recordings of his songs across genres, by artists including Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson, Dierks Bentley, Ringo Starr, Fleetwood Mac, and Bonnie Raitt. Grammy Award winner Don Henry's songs have been recorded by legends like Ray Charles, Patti Page and Conway Twitty, as well as contemporary stars like Blake Shelton, Miranda Lambert and Lonestar.

**September 27: *Paul Burch & WPA Ballclub***

Burch combines indie rock with roots music, attracting a mix of collaborators from punk to bluegrass, including Mark Knopfler, the Waco Brothers, and Ralph Stanley. His albums consistently land on pop, rock, and country "best of" lists in the U.S. and U.K. His latest, *Meridian Rising*, is an imagined autobiography of Jimmie Rodgers, the genre-bending superstar of the late 1920s whose blend of pop, folk, and blues anticipated rock 'n' roll.

**October 4: *Marcela Pinilla Band***

Enjoy Latin alternative music with rumba and flamenco influences as NPL celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month.

The [Nashville Public Library Foundation](#) makes Courtyard Concerts, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, possible.

**About Nashville Public Library**

Nashville Public Library maintains a collection of 2 million items, including books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and downloadable books, movies and music. The Library also offers more than 800 public-use computers, free art exhibits, educational programs, events for all ages, 24/7 reference assistance, online databases, interlibrary loan and special collections. The Metro Archives, housed within NPL, owns 5 million historic documents. Equal access is provided by

the Talking Library audio reading service for the print disabled and Library Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. For more information, call (615) 862-5800 or visit [library.nashville.org](http://library.nashville.org).

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