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Dear community partner:

Each summer Ben Franklin Community Garden hosts a much-anticipated ***Music in the Garden Series*** in the heart of Cleveland's Old Brooklyn neighborhood, featuring performances by local, professional musicians. This year, we are thrilled to invite you to become a sponsor for our 2025 Music Series, which will take place from June to September.

Our music series provides a unique opportunity to showcase local talent while bringing together gardeners and visitors from across Northeast Ohio in the serene setting of the Garden. Held on the first and third Saturdays of each month, the free event attracts a diverse audience, from music lovers to families looking for a relaxing activity.

As a sponsor, your business will gain visibility through various marketing channels, including event signage, social media shout-outs, mentions in news releases, and more. Partnering with us is a great way to support local arts and engage with the community, all while reaching an audience that values both culture and sustainability.

The 2025 Music Series will feature a wide range of talent, including jazz, world music, blues, and more, providing a great platform for exposure and community engagement. To get a better idea of the scope of the series I have included the 2024 schedule.

Should you be interested in supporting our Music Series, we would be happy to discuss how your business can get involved in a way that aligns with your goals. We are open to various forms of sponsorship and would love to work with you to create a partnership that best suits your business. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact me at **216-276-1183** or **mtapajna@yahoo.com**.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our local music scene and community. We would be thrilled to partner with you and are excited about the potential for a mutually beneficial relationship.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Warm regards,

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About Ben Franklin Community Garden:

Ben Franklin Community Garden is a vibrant greenspace located in Cleveland's Old Brooklyn neighborhood. As the largest community garden in the area, established in 1981, it serves as a haven for over 200 gardeners on a 5-acre site, along with the OSU Extension's Master Gardener program, and youth gardeners from Benjamin Franklin Elementary School. The Garden is a Cleveland Summer Sprout garden and a program of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corp., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, tax ID No. 34-1177633. The all-volunteer Garden Operating Committee is committed to stewardship and preservation of the garden while also cultivating programs and activities for the wider community to connect with nature, cultivate friendships, and enjoy the exceptional space.

Mission: to serve our urban community by stewarding a greenspace that provides a natural retreat for the community to grow food and learn about sustainable food practices. We promote social harmony and inclusion by creating partnerships among community, government, schools and local businesses. We build friendships, promote health, wellbeing and sustainability by empowering people from diverse backgrounds to grow the greater community together.



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Music in the Garden

2024 Summer Music Series at Ben Franklin Community Garden



Visit a true Old Brooklyn gem this summer and discover a welcoming community space while listening to an array of local musicians as they elevate the sounds of nature!

Every year Ben Franklin Community Garden brings together a variety of artists to perform in its serene greenspace. The largest community garden in the county, Ben Franklin is home to over 200 gardeners, Benjamin Franklin Elementary School youth gardeners, and the OSU Extension's Master Gardener program. The garden Operating Committee, comprised of all volunteers, has created a space where you can relax amongst the trees with friends, old and new, as local musicians entertain you.

It's a wonderful way to spend a summer evening and it's free!

Performances are at 6 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays June – September.

Bring a lawn chair & join us!

See back for Summer 2024 lineup!



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2024 Summer Lineup

The 2024 music series features Cleveland-based professional artists, including several Ben Franklin gardeners.

June 1st – Luca Mundaca Luca is a Brazilian singer-composer, deeply rooted in the enchanting world of bossa nova and jazz. Her music tells stories of dreams, love, Brazil's vibrant essence, and the tapestry of human experiences.

June 15th – Opus 216 This Cleveland-based string quartet, brings dynamic, memorable performances to events throughout northeast Ohio annually. Known for a diverse repertoire collection spanning several genres and styles, the ensemble maintains a full schedule of performances for both public and private events.

July 6th – Mo' Mojo This ultimate "Pardi Gras" band cranks out original and traditional Zydeco, Cajun, and Louisiana-Spiced Rock & Roll. The female fronted group features three-part harmonies, accordion, fiddle, rubboard, electric guitar, sax, trumpet, harp, bass, and drums.

July 20th – Sam Hooper Group Sam's soulful vocals have been compared to Otis Redding, while critics have likened his blistering guitar playing to Jimi Hendrix and Carlos Santana. His alluring blend of blues, rock, jazz and funk has thrilled audiences in the United States and other countries throughout the world.

Aug 3rd – Tim McDonald Quartet Saxophonist and jazz composer, Tim McDonald, got his start in the Northeast Ohio music scene in high school playing with local swing and blues groups. The music of Tim's quartet is a mix of original music and arrangements from all decades.

Aug 17th – Bent String This quartet performs a mix of early American roots music, including early jazz, acoustic blues and originals. The group centers on the vocals of Kari Ann Rutushin and underpinned with a feel of jazz age swing.

Sep 7th – John Orsini Quartet featuring Evelyn Wright Jazz vocalist, Evelyn Wright joins the quartet to perform music from the *Great American Songbook*.

Sept 21st – Sororii is an indie world duo featuring Afro-Colombian cellist Carolina Borja, and bassoonist Arleigh Savage. Sororii formed in 2021 during the height of the pandemic with the spirit to reclaim sisterhood and explore feminine voices across cultures.

Ben Franklin Community Garden is located at 1905 Spring Road in the Old Brooklyn area of Cleveland, behind Benjamin Franklin Elementary School. Parking is available in school parking lot.

**wheel-chair accessible! Contact Mark Tapajna if more details needed on accessibility (216-276-1183)

In the event of rain, shows will be performed on Sunday at 2 p.m.