

NEW WEST SUMMERFEST 2023

Additional Line up Announcements Rock, Country and World Music Legends

MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, June 6, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- GRAMMY® Award winning rock legends Bill Champlin and Steve Porcaro will join long time lead vocalist of Chicago Jason Scheff and his show “Chicago Nights” at Summerfest 2023, New West Symphony’s inaugural summer outdoor music festival, scheduled June 24th and 25th at (and in partnership with) Moorpark College.

Summerfest is a 2-day music event that will also feature jazz and country music on Saturday with Ilya Serov, B. Valentine and [Blanco Brown](#), and World Music headliners Renaissance Heart, Mariachi Divas and Hamed Nikpay on Sunday. The festival will conclude June 25 with a showing of [Raiders of the Lost Ark](#) featuring the New West Symphony performing John Williams’ epic score live.

Bill Champlin has enjoyed a prolific six-decade career, beginning in 1961 with his first band Opposite Six. He later formed the Sons of Champlin, recording 7 albums before moving to Los Angeles where he worked as a session vocalist with Elton John, Patti LaBelle, Nancy Wilson, George Benson and Neil Diamond, among others. He earned his first GRAMMY® in 1979 for co-writing “After the Love is Gone,” recorded by Earth, Wind & Fire. In 1982 he joined Chicago, where his unique and expressive voice can be heard on “Hard Habit to Break,” and in 1983 he earned a second GRAMMY® for cowriting “Turn Your Love Around,” recorded by George Benson. A multi-talented vocalist, keyboardist and guitarist, Bill continues to perform and tour globally.

Highly-acclaimed songwriter/keyboardist Steve Porcaro was a founding member of platinum-selling rock band Toto where in 1983 he earned three GRAMMY® Awards for Best Record (“Rosanna”), Best Album (“Toto IV”) and Producer of the Year. A much-in-demand session musician, he also co-wrote “Human Nature” on Michael Jackson’s legendary “Thriller” album and



Summerfest PRESENTS

JASON SCHEFF

CHICAGO NIGHTS
With his all-star band featuring Bill Champlin & Steve Porcaro plus surprise guest artists and the New West Symphony

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023 MOORPARK COLLEGE

				
Bill Champlin	Steve Porcaro	Steve Ferrone	Errol Cooney	Brandon Coleman

SATURDAY | JUNE 24

- 3:00PM - Gates Open - Food & Drink Vendors open
- 4:00PM - Ilya Serov & his Jazz Extravaganza plus guest B. Valentine
- 6:00PM - Blanco Brown "The Git Up"
- 8:00PM - JASON SCHEFF with CHICAGO NIGHTS and the New West Symphony Orchestra

SUNDAY | JUNE 25

- 3:00PM - Gates Open - Food & Drink Vendors open (VIP Pass holders can attend Moorpark Zoo)
- 4:00PM - World Music including Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea, Renaissance Heart, and Hamed Nikpay
- 4:00PM - VIP Dinner honoring Hugh and Keets Casser & James Thatcher (6PM Terrace)
- 7:30PM - **Raiders of the Lost Ark** with the New West Symphony Orchestra

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Jason Scheff and Chicago Nights at New West Summerfest

later composed the music for film and television, including FX's "Justified." Steve's synthesizer wizardry is heard not only on Toto's recordings (notably "Rosanna"), but on those of other artists, notably the Jackson-Paul McCartney duet "The Girl Is Mine." In 2016 he released his first-ever solo album, "Someday/Somehow," featuring Michael McDonald, Marc Bonilla and Steve Lukather among others.

At SummerFest 2023, Bill Champlin will perform on Saturday, June 24 with former Chicago bandmate Jason Scheff in "Chicago Nights," playing the mega-hits of Chicago and accompanied by New West Symphony, while Steve Porcaro will join Jason's band for some fan favorites of Toto. Two legendary surprise guests will also participate in this rock legends performance.

"I am thrilled to have been asked to kick off the inaugural Summerfest at Moorpark College," said Scheff, a Moorpark resident who will be inducted into the California Music Hall of Fame in September 2023. "Having performed numerous symphony shows with Chicago, this feels like familiar territory, and the enhanced orchestral instrumentation is the ultimate experience with this music," Scheff continued. "What I love most is that I will be performing in my own backyard! As a resident of Moorpark, I am honored as a member of the community to be part of building the future for this significant venue and annual music festival."

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Natalia Staneva, New West Symphony CEO

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days of GRAMMY® Award-winning talent performing in their peak element. They are the best of the best."

Summerfest Saturday: Jazz, country and more

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Blanco Brown

16x Platinum in 3 countries
1.7 billion streams
#1 line dance song in history & Country Music Hall of Fame
Billboard #1 Top New Country Artist 2019

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6:00PM - BLANCO BROWN "The Git Up"	4:00PM - VIP Dinner honoring Hugh and Keets Cassar & James Thatcher (EATM Terrace)
8:00PM - Jason Scheff with Chicago Nights and the New West Symphony Orchestra	7:30PM - GitUp on the lawn with the New West Symphony Orchestra

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Blanco Brown and GitUp

The June 24 program begins with award-winning jazz trumpeter/singer/guitarist Ilya Serov and his band. Also slated on June 24 is country music sensation Blanco Brown who has blurred the lines between country and hip-hop music by creating southern sound that he proudly calls “TrailerTrap.”

This boundary-breaking, multicolored genre draws upon the rawness and storytelling abilities of Blanco’s biggest musical influences, Johnny Cash and Outkast. The world was introduced to this exciting fusion with Blanco’s worldwide platinum-certified hit “The Git Up,” which spawned nearly 3 billion views across social platforms, reached the top of the viral Spotify charts in several countries, hung tight as the top most-selling country song in the US for 13 weeks and claimed the No. 1 spot on Billboard’s Hot Country Songs chart for 12 weeks.

Summerfest Sunday: World Music

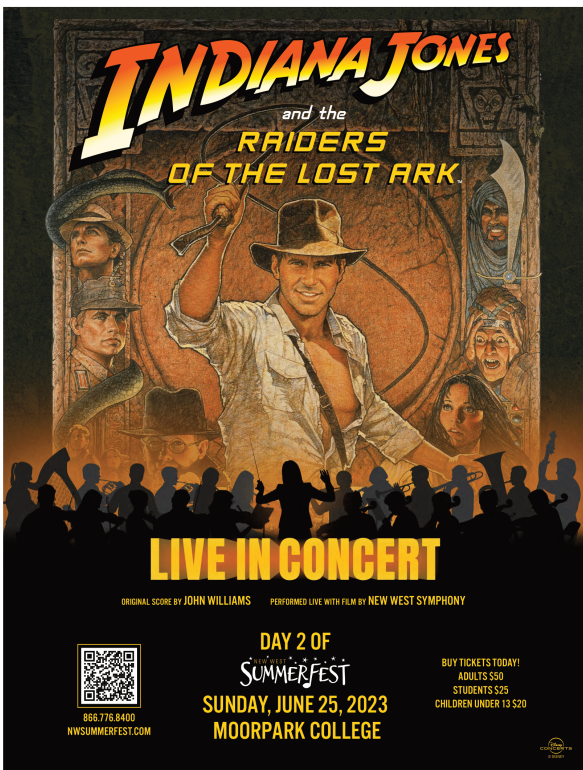
On June 25, Summerfest presents a “World Music” program opening with GRAMMY® Award-winning Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea, an all-female mariachi band based in Los Angeles. Founded by Cindy Shea, they were the first all-female mariachi band ever to be nominated for and win a Grammy, earning the Best Regional Mexican Album trophy in 2009 for “Canciones de Amor.”

Renaissance Heart is the new global music project that merges the artistry of two-time GRAMMY®-winning vocalist Hila Pitman, L.A. session ace guitar chameleon Shea Welsh, and world renowned tabla master Aditya Kalyanpur. They create organic, re-imagined connections between classical, jazz, folk, rock, and world music genres.

Hamed Nikpay, Iranian fusion vocalist, multi-instrumentalist and songwriter, has been a pioneering artist for over two decades, whose music extends beyond its time and transcends all musical boundaries. He stealthily and artfully imbues classical Persian melodies with beats and sounds of other complementing genres, and intertwines his music with lyrics he chooses from the vast body of Ancient and contemporary Persian poets to create what he calls “Soufi Funk.”

Concluding Sunday’s program, New West Symphony will perform live to the original 1981 film Raiders of the Lost Ark. While the film an all-time action/adventure classic, it is hard to imagine watching Indiana Jones’ escapades without the timeless and instantaneously recognizable score.

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The poster features the title "INDIANA JONES and the RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK" in a stylized, yellow and orange font at the top. Below the title is a central image of Indiana Jones in his iconic hat and shirt, holding a whip. Surrounding him are smaller portraits of other characters from the film. At the bottom of the poster, it says "LIVE IN CONCERT" in large yellow letters. Below that, it lists "ORIGINAL SCORE BY JOHN WILLIAMS" and "PERFORMED LIVE WITH FILM BY NEW WEST SYMPHONY". A QR code is on the left, with the phone number "866.776.8400" and "NWSUMMERFEST.COM" below it. On the right, it says "DAY 2 OF SUMMERFEST SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023 MOORPARK COLLEGE". Ticket prices are listed: "BUY TICKETS TODAY! ADULTS \$50 STUDENTS \$25 CHILDREN UNDER 13 \$20".

Indiana Jones Live in Concert!

Ticket prices start at \$50. Student tickets are \$25; children under 13 are \$20. Information: 866.776.8400 or <https://newwestsymphony.org/summerfest>

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