

# LAKES AREA MUSIC FESTIVAL

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## **LAMF Hosts Outdoor Block Party Along the Mississippi River**

**August 6 concert features pop hits, classical favorites, and summer fun for the whole community.**

**Brainerd, MN (July 23, 2025)** – The Lakes Area Music Festival (LAMF) invites music lovers of all ages to a free evening of riverside revelry at its annual Block Party, taking place Wednesday, August 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lyman P. White Amphitheater in downtown Brainerd.

Set at the scenic Mississippi Landing Amphitheater, this open-air celebration offers a vibrant mix of popular tunes and classical favorites performed by LAMF's world-class musicians. From chart-topping hits to orchestral gems, this concert bridges genres and generations for a high-energy summer soundtrack.

With food trucks, a local beer tent, and room to spread out, the Block Party has become a beloved community tradition. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair and settle in for an evening of music, laughter, and lakeside breezes.

"Nothing captures the joy of summer quite like live music by the river," said Executive and Artistic Director Scott Lykins. "This concert is about togetherness—celebrating our community and creating shared experiences that linger long after the music ends."

Part of the Festival's 2025 MYTHS & MAGIC season, the Block Party is one of several events designed to expand access to music. Other free and family-friendly highlights this year include the immersive Sound Garden at the Northland Arboretum, the magical piano and illusion show Magical Keys, and a brand-new production of *Hänsel & Gretel*, reimaged in Minnesota's North Woods and featuring youth choruses from across the region.

Now in its 17th season, LAMF gathers more than 200 artists from top orchestras and opera companies around the country for a three-week summer residency in central Minnesota. The 2025 season runs July 25–August 17, with programming ranging from full symphonic concerts and opera to chamber music, education, and community events.

The Block Party is free and open to the public, with generous support from the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation.

Visit [lakesareamusic.org](https://lakesareamusic.org) for a full schedule of events and more information about this season's lineup.

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## **About the Lakes Area Music Festival**

The Lakes Area Music Festival is Minnesota's summer home for world-class opera, orchestra, and chamber music. Celebrating its 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary season, more than 200 artists from the nation's top orchestras and opera companies will present 60 concert, education, and community outreach activities this July and August. Founded in 2009, the Lakes Area Music Festival sparks connections between its central Minnesota community and the nation's top classical performers to create transformative musical experiences. The Lakes Area Music Festival is a 501c3 non-profit based in Brainerd, MN. To find out more visit [lakesareamusic.org](http://lakesareamusic.org) or call 218-ASK-LAMF (218-275-5263).