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## **GOLDEN GATE PARK BAND (GGPB)**

**Announces 2024 Summer Concerts - 142<sup>nd</sup> Season**

**April 28 – Oct. 6, 2024 – Sundays\* at 1:00 pm - (25 Concert dates)**

**Spreckels Temple of Music (aka the Bandshell) in Golden Gate Park**

**San Francisco's Oldest Musical Organization- Founded in 1882**

**Continues a New Era of Music for San Francisco and the Bay Area.**

**ALL SHOWS FREE! – All Welcome!**

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To arrange an interview with Music Director and principal conductor **Dr. German Gonzalez**, GGPB president & principal trumpet **Mark Nemoyten**, or any of the **GGPB musicians**, please e mail or call publicist **Lawrence Helman** [heytheresells@gmail.com](mailto:heytheresells@gmail.com)- 415-336-8220.

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**April 28 – Oct. 6, 2024** (25 Concert dates) – Sundays\* at 1:00 pm and usually end between 2:30 and 2:45 pm. There is no intermission. Founded in 1882 the GGPB holds the distinction as the **San Francisco's Oldest Musical Organization**. GOLDEN GATE PARK BAND (GGPB) performs **free** weekly concerts at the **Spreckels Temple of Music** (also known as the **Bandshell**), located in **Golden Gate Park**, 75 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive (at Music Concourse Drive – btwn. de Young Museum & Academy of Sciences) SF 94118. **ALL SHOWS FREE.**

Featuring over 30 professional musicians, the GGPB performs a wide variety of wind-band music that reflects the culture, traditions, and values of San Francisco and the Bay Area while delighting audiences of all ages and interests. **To learn more about GGPB visit <https://goldengateparkband.org>**

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The GOLDEN GATE PARK BAND (GGPB) 2024 Summer Concerts - 142<sup>nd</sup> season opens on Sun., April 28 and will continue on Sundays through Oct. 6, 2024. There will be special concerts on July 4 (Thurs.) and Sept. 2 (Mon.) Labor Day. Additionally, a myriad of San Francisco / Bay Area cultural organizations and heritages will be showcased throughout the season. The music of Poland, Armenia, Scotland, Hungary, Ukraine, Mexico, Ireland, and Spain will be showcased at dedicated concerts. Performances for Juneteenth and LGBTQ+ Pride will be featured in June, along with an August performance in celebration of first responders. Families will also enjoy the dedicated Mother's Day and a special concert for Kids, and a concert featuring music of Disney. All concerts that feature music of specific nationalities or cultures include costumed guest performers, dancers, singers, and speakers who will enlighten and entertain.

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### **GOLDEN GATE PARK BAND – SUMMER 2024 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:**

Schedule as of **3-27-24** – Info will be updated at <https://goldengateparkband.org/calendar/>

**All concerts start at 1:00 pm**

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*(25 Concert dates) All themes and repertoire are subject to change.*

- **April 28, 2024 – Spring Perfection** – *The Symphonic Gershwin, Gustav Holst 2nd Suite in F* and much more.
- **May 5 – Polish Culture Day** – works of Weinberger, Chopin, plus song and dance from the **Lowiczanie Polish Folk Ensemble of San Francisco.**
- **May 12 – Mother's Day** – a program in honor of Mothers everywhere.
- **May 19 – “Bay to Breakers & Forces of Nature”** *La Forza Del Destino* by Verdi, *March of the Belgian Paratroopers* and much more.
- **May 26 – Armenian Culture Day** in partnership with the **Hamazkayin Armenian Cultural and Educational Assoc.** Works by Armenian composers, including the Arutiunian Trumpet Concerto featuring principal trumpet **Mark Nemoyten.**
- **June 2 – Trumpet Pallouza** – a concert featuring our amazing trumpet section!
- **June 9** – A diverse program including the Shostakovich *Festive Overture*, part of our annual two day **Golden Gate Park Band Festival** with guest ensembles from around the Bay Area and beyond.
- **June 16 – Father's Day / Juneteenth** – Featuring Music of African American Composers and Artists.
- **June 23 – “Songs & Dances”** including works of Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, Sir Arthur Sullivan and Morton Gould.
- **June 30 – GGPB annual Pride Concert** program featuring LGBTQ composers.

- **July 4** - (Thurs.) **A Red, White & Band** Independence Day Celebration of American Music.
- **July 7** – “**Treasures of the Band World**” including *Suite of Old American Dances* by Bennett, *Variations on America* by Ives, *First Suite in Eb* by Holst.
- **July 14** – “**Disney Magic: Band Fantastic**” including music from *Encanto*, *Frozen*, *Moana*, *Mary Poppins* and more!
- **July 21** – “**Something Old, New, Borrowed, and Blue**” including works of Sousa, Leroy Anderson, Claude Bolling and more.
- **July 28** – “**Tune Town**” – Music for Kids of all ages; *Variations on Pop Goes the Weasel*, *Barnum & Bailey’s Favorite*, music from *The Wizard of Oz* and more.
- **August 4** – A concert in honor of Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams and First Responders including works of The Beatles, Gershwin, Frank Erickson and more.
- **August 11** – “**Kilts, Ceilidhs, Castles, & Haggis**” – Music of Scotland with the **Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers**.
- **August 18** – **Hungarian Culture Day** – With performers from the **Hungarian Heritage Foundation**, the band will play favorite Hungarian pieces.
- **August 25** – Our annual program in **Solidarity with Ukraine** featuring many guest performers from the Bay Area Ukrainian community and beyond.
- **September 1** – **Big Band Day** – includes Big Band jazz classics from the Swing Era and beyond. Dancers welcome!
- **September 2** – **Labor Day** (Mon.) – Winds of Work, a Labor Day Celebration honoring working people everywhere.
- **September 8** – **Mexican Culture Day** with guests **Ballet Folklorico Mexicano de Carlos Moreno**.
- **September 15** – **Music of The Emerald Isle** in partnership with the **United Irish Cultural Center of San Francisco**.
- **September 22** – **Music & Dance of Spain** featuring guest performers from Toque Tercero Flamenco lead by **Damien Alvarez**.
- **September 29** – *no GGPB concert.*
- **October 6** – Season Closer “**Sounds from the Screen: Music of Film and TV**” including music from John Williams, Henry Mancini and other famous film composers.

Concerts are approximately **70 to 90 minutes in length**. Programs subject to change.

#### CREATIVE TEAM – Bios

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**German Gonzalez** - Music Director and Conductor of the San Francisco Golden Gate Park Band.

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