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“Soul of the City” – Says SF Small Business and Historic Preservation Commission.

GOLDEN GATE PARK BAND (GGPB)

Announces its 2025 Spring & Summer Concerts – 143rd Season

April 18 – Sept. 28, 2025 – 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 ARE FREE! – All are Welcome!

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To arrange an interview with Music Director and principal conductor **Dr. German Gonzalez**, GGPB president & solo trumpet/cornet **Mark Nemoyten**, or any of the **GGPB musicians**, please email or call publicist **Lawrence Helman** heytheresells@gmail.com- 415-336-8220.

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April 18 – Sept. 28, 2025 (25 Concert dates) – Sundays* at 1:00 pm - 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. Now a LEGACY BUSINESS in SF, the 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 – between de Young Museum & Academy of Sciences) SF 94118. **ALL SHOWS FREE.** For **INFO** call: **415 596-1741** or visit <https://goldengateparkband.org>
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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. *** All concerts are on Sundays except: April 18 – Fri.; July 4 – Fri.; and Sept. 1 – Mon. (Labor Day).** Seating is first come first serve. Park benches are set up in the music concourse. Guests may bring picnic blankets and small folding chairs for additional side seating.

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The GOLDEN GATE PARK BAND (GGPB) 2025 Summer Concerts – 143rd season opens a special “Pre-Season Dance” on Friday, April 18 at 4:30 pm and will continue on Sundays at 1:00 pm on April 27 through Sept. 28, 2025. There will be special concerts on July 4 (Fri.) and Sept. 1 (Mon.) Labor Day. Additionally, a myriad of San Francisco / Bay Area cultural organizations will be featured 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 highlighted in June, along with an August performance in celebration of first responders. Families will also enjoy the dedicated Mother’s Day, a special concert for Kids, and a concert featuring the 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. **Dr. German Gonzalez** the Music Director/Conductor of the Golden Gate Park Band.

The Golden Gate Park Band has been presenting free concerts in Golden Gate Park for 143 years thanks to the generous support of [San Francisco Grants for the Arts](#) , [The Music Performance Trust Fund](#) and public donations.

Phil Lesh (1940-2024) – A founding member of the legendary Bay Area band THE GRATEFUL DEAD played both violin and trumpet at Berkeley high school, studying the latter with conductor Robert Hansen, of the Golden Gate Park Band.

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CREATIVE TEAM – Bios

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The Golden Gate Bandshell turns 125 (2025)

The temple’s Beaux-Arts design, modeled after European bandstands and complete with soaring Corinthian columns and an arched proscenium, reflects the elegance of the era. It was one of the many architectural gems that emerged in the early 20th century as San Francisco sought to position itself as a cultural capital.

On Sept. 9, 1900, the Spreckels Temple of Music hosted its grand opening concert, featuring none other than John Philip Sousa and his band. The legendary composer, known as the “March King,” lead a rousing program of patriotic and classical selections, setting the tone for the decades of performances to come. The inaugural event drew thousands of San Franciscans, cementing the bandshell as a vital public gathering space.

Through the years, the temple has survived earthquakes, changing musical tastes, and even periods of neglect, only to be revived time and again. It has hosted everything from military bands to jazz ensembles, symphonies and civic celebrations. The Golden Gate Bandshell continues to be a vital cultural hub, carrying on its legacy of bringing free music to the people. The Golden Gate Park Band is an essential part of that legacy.

GOLDEN GATE PARK BAND – SUMMER 2025 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

Schedule as of **3-22-25** – Info will be updated at <https://goldengateparkband.org/calendar/>

All concerts start at 1:00 pm

*** All concerts are on Sundays except: April 18 – Fri.; July 4 – Fri.; and Sept. 1 – Mon. (Labor Day).**

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

Check back often for updates. More program details will be on the calendar as they become available.

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

April 18, 2025 (Fri.) 4:30 to 7:00 pm) In partnership with [Illuminate](#), **GGPB** presents our annual **Big Band Dance Party.**

April 27, 2025– “SOUL OF THE CITY” SINCE 1882: An Overture for Season #143 – **Tubby the Tuba** featuring our tubist **Bin Love** and Narrator [Cathy Holly](#), the **Holst First Suite in Eb**, and much more.

May 4 – Polish Cultural Celebration – works of Chopin, Ozmanski, and more with the [Lowiczanie Polish Folk Ensemble of San Francisco.](#)

May 11 – A Mom’s Pops Concert – on Mother’s Day in honor of Mothers everywhere.

Concertino for flute by Chaminade featuring principal flute **Derick Yih**, works of Sousa, Saint-Saens, Anne McGinty and more.

May 18 – A Cast of Characters: In “Bay to Breakers Salute” La Forza Del Destino by Verdi, The Typewriter, music of the Beatles and more.

May 25 – Armenian Cultural Celebration with works by Kachaturian, Hovaness in partnership with the [Hamazkayin Armenian Cultural and Educational Assoc.](#)

June 1 – Shing Stars - Celebrating GGPB Soloists - featuring members from each section of the band.

June 8 – A Juneteenth Program Celebrating Black American Music including works of Joplin, William Grant Still, Katahj Copley, Ayatey Shabazz, and Ray Charles.

June 15 – [Golden Gate Park Band Festival](#) with guest ensembles from around the Bay Area and beyond. The festival starts June 14

June 22 – “PRIDE: A Musical Celebration” program TBA

June 29 – “Songs & Dances” including works of Tchaikovsky, Leonard Bernstein, Sir Arthur Sullivan.

July 4 (Fri.) – Independence Day Celebration of American Music.

July 6 – Treasures of the Band World including works of Gordon Jacob, Charles Ives, Percy Grainger, Frank Tichelli, and Robert Russell Bennett

July 13 – Disney Magic

July 20 – Scottish Culture Celebration with the [Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers](#).

Works include: Four Scottish Dances by Malcom Arnold, Loch Lomond and more.

July 27 – Music for Kids of all ages

Aug. 3 – Celebrating San Francisco – A concert in honor of **Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams and First Responders**

Aug.10 – Around the World in 90 Minutes – Peter and the Wolf with guest narrator [Maggie Clennon Reburg](#);

American in Paris by Gershwin; Perpetuum Mobile by Strauss and more TBA

Aug.17 – St. Stephen’s Day Celebration of Hungarian Culture–

With performers from the [Hungarian Heritage Foundation](#), the band plays favorite Hungarian pieces.

Aug. 24 – Ukrainian Culture Celebration - Our annual program in **Solidarity with Ukraine -**

featuring guest performers from the Bay Area Ukrainian community and beyond.

Aug. 31 – NO CONCERT

Sept. 1 (Mon.) – 9 to 5: A Labor Day Celebration

Sept. 7 – ¡Viva Mexico! with guests [Ballet Folklorico Mexicano de Carlos Moreno](#) .

Sept. 14 – The Emerald Isle in partnership with the [United Irish Cultural Center of San Francisco](#).

Sept.21 – “Ole!” Spanish Cultural Celebration featuring guest performers from Toque Tercero Flamenco lead by [Damien Alvarez](#).

Sept. 28 – Season Finale

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