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Outdoor concerts are a breath of fresh air *Music from the Porch returns to Landmark Center*

ST. PAUL, Minn. (June 7, 2021) – Landmark Center’s summer concert series, *Music from the Porch* (formerly *Music in the Café*), returns for a second year, beginning July 14. During four Wednesdays this summer, free lunchtime concerts are staged from Landmark Center’s Market Street porch. Visitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, bring their lunch, or purchase one from a nearby restaurant or food truck, and enjoy their lunch-hour with a side of live music.

“In 2020 we moved the concerts outside to make them more comfortable during COVID restrictions,” said Amy Mino, Minnesota Landmarks Executive Director. “This year, the concerts are outside again because last year ended up being so fun!”

2021 Lineup:

July 14: [Lena Elizabeth](#)

Lena Elizabeth is a singer/songwriter based in Minneapolis, writing songs influenced by folk storytelling with a power-house voice, rooted in the blues. From clever and upbeat to soulful and heart wrenching, Lena Elizabeth loves to take the audience on an emotional rollercoaster and break expectations.

July 21: [Michael Monroe](#)

“MN Acoustic Music Master” (Star Tribune), Michael Monroe’s unique creation of music leaves his audiences mesmerized as he blends his rich vocals, guitar, bamboo and glass flutes, combining musical styles of acoustic folk and jazzy reggae. Monroe’s original music and compelling energy bring a powerful style that is as much fun as it is innovative...music and technology working together powered by creativity... and he recycles his music LIVE on stage as master LIVE Looper since 1990. His soulful performance delights and inspires.

July 28: [The Red Hot Django Peppers](#)

The Red Hot Django Peppers is a band that formed from the love of the music of Django Reinhardt. The troupe consists of local guitarists Ryan Picone and Jose Betanzos, violinist Danny Lentz, and bassist Sean Rodrick. The Red Hot Django Peppers had their premiere performance in early 2019 at Moto-I and were then asked to play at the Artists’ Showcase in May 2019. The ensemble is steadily being recognized as one of the up-and-coming Gypsy Jazz groups in the Twin Cities.

August 4: [Lee Engele](#)

Vocalist Lee Engele fronts local big bands, and her active solo career has put her in the company of both local and national artists. She has a number of self-produced CDs to her credit, and has also been

featured internationally on a number of jazz and pop compilation CDs. Engele has also appeared at numerous festivals including the Twin Cities Jazz Festival, and concerts have included shows at Bloomington and Hopkins Centers for the Arts, Old Log Theater, and the Landmark Center.

All concerts begin at 12 p.m. They are free and presented by Landmark Center. In case of inclement weather concerts will be held in Landmark Center's main atrium, the Musser Cortile. Applicable COVID-19 precautions will be observed. For more information visit www.landmarkcenter.org.

About Landmark Center

Landmark Center is a dynamic, historic cultural center and central gathering place in downtown Saint Paul. It is owned and sponsored by Ramsey County and managed by Minnesota Landmarks, the nonprofit programming and management agency for the building. Landmark Center is located at 75 West 5th Street, on Rice Park and is accessible to those with impaired mobility. Parking is available on street and in nearby Lawson, Science Museum and RiverCentre Ramps. For more information call 651.292.3225 or visit www.landmarkcenter.org.

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