



Lowertown Blues & Funk Fest Returns to Mears Park, St. Paul

Friday, July 19th and Saturday, July 20th, 2019

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St. Paul, Minn., March 18, 2019 – Billed as “The Midwest’s Largest 2-Day Free Concert”, the **Lowertown Blues & Funk Fest** is now in its 6th year and will return to Mears Park in St. Paul this summer on July 19th and 20th. Hours are 4:30 pm – 10:00 pm Friday and Noon – 10:00 pm on Saturday. Friday’s Funk Day will feature the sounds of [Sumo Seven](#), [Boogie Wonderland](#) and a founding member of the Commodores [Thomas McClary](#). Saturday’s Blues Day has the [Craig Clark Band](#), [Bridget Kelly Band](#), [Joyann Parker](#), [Carolyn Wonderland](#), [Popa Chubby](#) and [Jon Cleary](#).

Friday

“Brick House”, “Easy”, “Just to Be Close to You”...the feeling those oldies give you is thanks to Thomas McClary. A singer, musician, writer, producer, and performer, McClary founded the legendary funk and soul band Commodores in 1968. The Grammy-winning group spent a decade on top of the charts and their big high-energy show will cap off one of our funkier Fridays ever! Also on Friday, [Boogie Wonderland](#) is featured as one of the top dance bands of the Twin Cities for the last 20 years, and newcomers [Sumo Seven](#) feature big vocals, a blow away horn section and tight grooves, a great way to open our event on Friday!

Saturday

Saturday’s line-up features [Jon Cleary](#) from New Orleans. “Funk is the ethnic folk music of New Orleans,” Cleary says. His time spent with Bonnie Raitt, Taj Mahal, John Scofield and Dr. John will bring a world class solo artist to our stage! Other artists include blues guitarist [Popa Chubby](#) from New York City, Austin, Texas native [Carolyn Wonderland](#), The [Bridget Kelly Band](#) from Florida, and local favorites [Joyann Parker](#) and [Craig Clark Band](#).

This is a free event for all, but as a part of our fundraising efforts VIP tickets are available for purchase online. \$100 VIP tickets include front row seating (high top table and chairs), backstage VIP passes, food and beverages and limited meet and greets with the artists. Get tickets for [Friday](#) or [Saturday](#).

There will also be free light rail and bus rides on both days of the Festival courtesy of Metro Transit. The link will be posted on the website in June.

Main Stage, Friday, July 19th

4:30 Sumo Seven
6:00 Boogie Wonderland
8:00 Thomas McClary’s Commodores Experience

Main Stage, Saturday, July 20th

Noon Craig Clark Band
1:30 Bridget Kelly Band
3:00 Joyann Parker
4:45 Carolyn Wonderland
6:30 Popa Chubby
8:30 Jon Cleary

Youth Performance Stage, Saturday, July 20th

2:30 pm – 8:00 pm – TBA Hosted by [Blues U](#)

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