

10 things to do around Chicago this week: Chicago Pridefest, Gold Coast Art Fair and Summer Smash Fest

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Post Malone performs at Lollapalooza, July 31, 2021, at Grant Park in Chicago. He is slated to appear at this year's Lyrical Lemonade Summer Smash Festival. (Vashon Jordan Jr./Chicago Tribune)

Summer Smash Festival: Post Malone, Lil Uzi Vert and Playboi Carti headline one of the largest independent music festivals in the country, which features more than 60 performances spanning hip-hop genres including cloud rap, trap, drill and West Coast. First-time Summer Smash performers include Wiz Khalifa, Polo G and Rico Nasty. *2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Douglass Park, 1401 S. Sacramento Dr.; tickets \$95-\$165 for one day or \$275-\$450 for a three-day pass at thesummersmash.com*

Blues on the Fox: Bring a chair or blanket and hear music from Buddy Guy, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Mindi Abair and The Boneshakers, Billy Branch, Melody Angel and Shemekia Copeland along the banks of the Fox River at the 24th festival. From noon to 7 p.m. Saturday you'll find live music, food trucks, beer and kids activities at the free Party

at the Promenade, which celebrates the opening of the new pedestrian bridge linking RiverEdge Park and Wilder Park. *Gates open at 6 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday at RiverEdge Park, 360 N. Broadway St., Aurora; tickets \$25-\$35 at 630-896-6666 and paramountaurora.com/riveredge*

Gold Coast Art Fair: The family-friendly juried art fair celebrates its 64th year by bringing in 200 artists from around the country to sell paintings, sculptures, jewelry and ceramics. The event also features live music and vendors selling food, beer, wine and sangria. Bring gently used wall art to donate to the Chicago Furniture Bank, which provides art and furniture to people leaving shelters for more permanent housing. *10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Grant Park's Butler Field on Lake Shore Dr. and Monroe St.; tickets \$10 at 847-926-4300 and amdurproductions.com*

"Flamenco Passion": The centerpiece of Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater's American Spanish Dance and Music Festival, Flamenco Passion, features a mix of world and Chicago premieres plus popular works from the ensemble's repertoire that showcase different styles of flamenco such as contemporary ballet, cantiñas and caña. Guest performers include 12-time Grammy-winning percussionist Diego "El Negro" Alvarez, tenor Luis Galvez, and flamenco guitarist and composer Curro de María. *7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; tickets \$20-\$50 at 847-673-6300 and northshorecenter.org/ee/*

Chicago Pride Fest: More than 60,000 people are expected to attend the street festival celebrating LGBTQ culture and community with live music on three stages, drag shows, a pet parade, and more than 150 arts and crafts vendors. Headliners include a "RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars" winner, pop musician Dorian Electra and Chicago rapper CupcakKe. *11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday on Halsted Street from Addison to Grace streets; \$15 suggested donation, more information at northalsted.com/pridefest*

Piqniq: Rock out at alternative radio station Q101's summer music festival, which features performances on two stages by Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats, Bastille, Walk the Moon, Cold War Kids, Milky Chance, Cannons and Almost Monday. *Noon Saturday at Hollywood Casino Amphitheater, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park; tickets starting at \$20 at 101wkqx.com/piqniq2022*

Lincoln Park Zoo's Adults Night Out: Pride Party: Explore the Lincoln Park Zoo without dealing with the kids and crowds at a bash that also features drag queen bingo, a DJ playing music from LGBTQIA artists, chats with animal caretakers, free carousel rides and lawn games. *6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. June 23 at Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark St.; tickets \$20-\$30 at eventbrite.com*

JustKids Book Festival: 51st Ward Books' inaugural bash aims to showcase BIPOC literature with a book expo, workshops, presentations and story time from authors including Pascuala Herrera ("My Mom Rocks; Her Chair Rolls"), Zetta Elliott ("Dragons in a Bag") and Julian Randall (Pilar Ramirez and the Escape from Zafa). The event also features a bounce house and face painting. *10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Chicago*

Teachers Union Center, 1901 W. Carroll Ave. Admission is free, RSVP at 51stwardbooks.com/justkidsfestival

“Tommy on Top”: Catch the Chicago premiere of British playwright Chris Woodley’s bedroom farce about a closeted Hollywood heartthrob expected to win an Oscar for Best Actor if he can keep his secret, which is being threatened by a celebrity blogger with incriminating photos. *Through July 17 at Pride Arts Center, 4139 N. Broadway St.; tickets \$35 at 773-857-0222 and pridearts.org*

Father’s Day Classic Car Show: Check out more than 80 antique, classic, vintage and specialty cars dating back to the early 1900s at the 52nd annual show. Grab a cheeseburger, bacon cheeseburger or barbecue chicken sandwich. A portion of the proceeds benefits cancer patients through Kitties Warriors Foundation. *11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Oakbrook Center, 100 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook; admission is free, more information at oakbrookcenter.com*

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