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Wicker Park Fest Announces 2019 Headliners

***Chicago's Biggest Street Fest Returns for its 16th Anniversary Season with
3-Days of Live Music, Arts, Fashion and Family Fun, July 26 – 28***

CHICAGO – May 28, 2019 – One of Chicago's most anticipated summer events, Wicker Park Fest, is returning July 26th – 28th for a Sweet 16 party! The 3-day festival that *Chicago* magazine and *Chicago Tribune* have previously called one of the "best" of the year famously features some of the most acclaimed live music of the season, with four stages and entertainment for all tastes and ages. Chicago's biggest street fest (in terms of city blocks) reflects Wicker Park's rich music and cultural heritage, with over 50 bands and an entire area dedicated to interactive art and inspired installations. If that's not enough flavor, the annual weekend bash also includes over 100 vendors – a colorful mix of neighborhood restaurants, boutiques and artisans, worldly dancers, and the ever-popular Kids Fest. A \$10 gate donation (which makes it the steal of summer event season) benefits the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce, a local non-profit specializing in small business assistance.

Live Music:

Above all, Wicker Park Fest is a music-first festival, always attracting some of the summer's most sought-after acts. Since the beginning, the iconic live music venue located in Wicker Park, Subterranean, has been a partner in curating the festival's lineup. Wave 1 bands announced today include established acts like Murder By Death and Wavves, along with cutting edge trendsetters like Durand Jones, this year's breakout act at SXSW who is arguably the hottest new name on the lineup, and Leikeli47, an active LGBTQ community member who preaches body image positivity during her infectious live shows and in her most recent album, "Acrylic," a top 50 album of the year by NPR.

Wave 1 bands are as follows (more acts and stage times TBA in subsequent release):

[Durand Jones & The Indications](#)

[Wavves](#)

[Murder By Death](#)

[Leikeli47](#)

[Screaming Females](#)



Amyl & The Sniffers
Viagra Boys
L.A. Witch
Mother Nature

Arts at Wicker Park Fest:

Over the years, the Arts Area at Wicker Park Fest has included some of the year's most provoking sculpture installations and visually stimulating performances and exhibitions. This showcase of unique and inspired works from some of the most talented local artists is always a "can't miss" of the summer. This season, expect to see contemporary artists and local organizations such as [Out of Site](#) curating interactive, unexpected encounters with the public at Wicker Park Fest. There will also be exhilarating [Bollywood](#) and [Hawaiian](#) dance troupes featured on a cultural stage.

More details on this year's stimulating art attractions will be announced in subsequent release. The arts, fashion and dance areas at Wicker Park Fest are presented by the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber and generously underwritten by the WPB Special Service Area #33.

Kids Fest at Wicker Park Fest:

Wicker Park Fest is also home to one of the summer's most beloved kid's events. Kids Fest at Wicker Park Fest is a fest-within-a-fest. Although it takes place off the beaten path at Wolcott and Milwaukee, there is no separate entrance fee for visitors. Kids Fest offers an exclusive area of family programming. The wide variety of offerings happens only on Saturday and Sunday only from noon to 6 pm. Activities this year include: bounce house, cookie decorating, carnival games, Pilates with Club Pilates Wicker Park, science experiments with Mad Science, cooking activities with the Kids Table, balloon animals by Mary Macaroni, chess with Chess Wizards, face painting, hair streaking, nail painting and more in addition to a dedicated family entertainment stage with non-stop performances by many of Chicago's leading children's acts (lineup and stage TBA in subsequent release).

Kids Fest at Wicker Park Fest benefits Jonathan Burr Elementary (specifically to improve the technology and programming) and is sponsored by the WPB SSA# 33. Burr Elementary receives 100% of ticket sales from activities in the Kids Fest area.

Wicker Park Fest 2019 Summary Detail:

Dates: July 26 – 28

Location: Milwaukee Avenue from North to Paulina, Chicago, IL

Cost: A \$10 gate donation

Hours: Friday 5 pm to 10 pm, Saturday & Sunday 12 pm to 10 pm

Website: www.wickerparkfest.com

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Parking: Free bike parking will be available at the North Honore Gate.

Dogs: Well-behaved dogs on leashes are permitted.