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## **Wicker Park Fest 2018 Announces Wave 1 Bands**

***Chicago's "Best" Street Festival Expands to  
3 Days in Honor of 15<sup>th</sup> Season, July 27 – 29***

**CHICAGO (May 31, 2018)** – In celebration of its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary season, Wicker Park Fest 2018 is expanding from two to three days! From July 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>, the street festival that *Chicago Tribune* has called one of the “best” of the year returns to Milwaukee Avenue in the heart of the city’s most eclectic neighborhood. Taking cue from the area’s unique charm and character, Wicker Park Fest pays tribute to its neighborhood and annually attracts tens of thousands from across the Midwest. Chicago’s longest neighborhood festival (in terms of length) reflects Wicker Park’s rich musical heritage, original artistry and acclaimed dining scene. This year’s colossal event, which is presented by the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce, will include: four stages of continuous live music, a dedicated children’s fun area, local food and drink vendors, an arts section with jaw-dropping sculptures and interactive exhibitions, a specialty beer tent, and 120 local merchants.

### **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 are as follows (more acts TBA in subsequent release):

[Against Me!](#) – Punk rock mavens led by transgender icon Laura Jane Grace

[Porches](#) – American synth-pop stars with a hot new album, *The House*

[Red Fang](#) – Stoner metal trailblazers from Portland

[Turquoise Jeep](#) – Flynt Flossy and his purveyors of perfect viral rap songs

[Ezra Furman](#) – Chicago-based singer-songwriter armed with a new album, *Transangelic Exodus*

[Snail Mail](#) – The indie rock solo project of guitarist and singer-songwriter Lindsey Jordan

[Remo Drive](#) – “Emo” rock group founded by brothers Erik and Stephen Paulson

[Rozwell Kid](#) – Anthemic power pop stalwarts from West Virginia fronted by the affable Jordan Hudkins.



[Dos Santos](#) – Chicago-based quintet that rocks the sounds of popular Latin dance genres with psychedelic flare, from Colombian Cumbia to Afro-Caribbean Salsa.

Also, this year the Center Stage will be hosted and curated by Reggae Gold, Pachanga! Latin Dance Party and Emo Nite LA. More info TBA in subsequent release.

### **Arts and Fashion 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-compelling performance and interactive exhibitions. This showcase of unique and inspired works from some of the most talented local artists and arts organizations is always a "can't miss" of the summer. Likewise, Live Fashion Shows are now part of the Wicker Park Fest mix too! Produced in conjunction with Fashion Planet TV, Wicker Park Fest 2018 will offer evening fashion shows on all three nights after the incredible success of the Saturday night pilot show in 2017. Details on this year's stimulating art and fashion attractions will be announced in subsequent release.

The Arts Area and Live Fashion Shows at Wicker Park Fest is presented by the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber and is 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 in the past have included: cooking demos, crafts tables, nail and face painting, hair streaking, mad science, Henna tattoos, balloon animals, bounce houses, toddler play areas, remote control car racing, a live entertainment stage and more.

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 2018 Summary Detail:**

**Dates:** July 27 – 29

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

**Cost:** 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.

**Hours:** Friday 5-10p, Saturday & Sunday 12 noon-10p

**Website:** [www.wickerparkfest.com](http://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.