



Community Arts Program (CAP)

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Community Arts Program (CAP)
2026 Summer Concert Series

41st Year!

Epic, Intimate, and Inexpensive!

An Outstanding Summer Concert Series line-up
Celebrating 41 Years of Artistic Excellence!

7:30 p.m. every other Thursday, June 11 – August 20!

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CORAL GABLES, FL, USA - This summer at **7:30 p.m.** every other Thursday—**June 11 through August 20**—the **Community Arts Program (CAP) Summer Concert Series** returns for a 41st, consecutive year. In the historic and intimate, Spanish-revival style setting of Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ (across from the iconic Biltmore Hotel), concertgoers have the **unique opportunity to not only hear music** by top-tier artists. Attendees also **learn more about the music, and each performer's journey** with music.

Since 1985, the Community Arts Program (CAP) *Summer Concert Series* has been attended by more than 70,000 concertgoers. It is a time-honored tradition that continued with virtual broadcasts to the world throughout the pandemic summers of 2020 and 2021, and gathered an average of 7,500 views each summer. This developed an extended audience that CAP now continues to welcome on-ground!

Throughout the school year, the Community Arts Program (CAP) also provides after-school music education with the CAP *Conservatory for the Arts* and its *Miami Jazz Institute*. These reach children and youth from over 59 Miami-Dade County Schools, no matter what students' circumstance or ability.

"We are very excited to again welcome concertgoers with the usual line-up of incredible artists this summer," says Mark Hart, Executive and Artistic Director of the Community Arts Program (CAP). "It's an honor also to welcome concertgoers locally, from across the States, and the globe; and a greatest reward to see students flourish within the CAP after-school music education program, designed to deeply serve all children and youth."

ARTIST ROSTER – CAP 2026 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

JUNE 11 – EMPIRE WILD

A genre-bending crossover ensemble with brilliant, Juilliard-trained cellists: Mitchell Lyon and Ken Kubota. From Bach and Gershwin, to the Beatles and beyond! Intimate, unpredictable, and guaranteed to have you smiling!

"Ambassador Prize winner!" – Concert Artists Guild Victor Elmaleh Competition

JUNE 25 – LANGSTON HUGHES II

Saxophonist Langston Hughes II stands out as a remarkable, young talent in today's music scene. William Hill III (piano), Eytan Schillinger-Hyman (bass), and Beckett Miles (drums) join for an evening of pure, traditional jazz joy!

"Emotion-evoking sound and style." – All About Jazz

JULY 9 – WARREN WOLF

Outstanding vibraphone artist Warren Wolf, with Kris Funn (bass) and McClenty Hunter (drums). Celebrate *America250*, in an explosion of Americana jazz standards and delightful surprises!

"Wolf's playing is precise and evocative!" – All About Jazz

JULY 23 – LEONELA ALEJANDRO

Leonela Alejandro is grand-prize winner in the 2024 *Guitar Foundation of America International Concert Artist Competition*. An intimate performer of captivating power and energy!

"A great player... bold and unique as a musician and a person." – René Izquierdo

AUGUST 6 – CLAYTON STEPHENSON

Clayton Stephenson is the first, Black finalist at the *Van Cliburn International Piano Competition*. Dazzling brilliance awaits from this Gilmore Young Artist and Young Scholar of the *Lang Lang International Music Foundation*!

“Not just a remarkable virtuoso, but a poet, a dramatist, and a master story-teller.”
– *Gramophone*

AUGUST 20 – KATE KORTUM

2025 *Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition* winner Kate Kortum is turning the heads of millions. One of the most compelling new artists in jazz today!

“Interpretative skills make her familiar music sound fresh.” - Jazz Journal UK

CONCERT TICKETS: OPTIONS and PRICES

Great Pricing with Convenient and FREE PARKING!

General Admission Ticket: \$35 advance; \$40 at the door.

Patron Ticket: \$50 advance; \$55 at the door.

Includes reserved, general seating within rows 1 through 9.

Patron Series Package: \$270 (\$30 savings!) ALL SIX concerts.

Includes reserved, general seating within rows 1 through 9.

Patron Mini-Series Package: \$190 (\$10 savings!) FOUR concerts of one's choice.

Includes reserved, general seating within rows 1 through 9.

ORDER INFORMATION

Order tickets by calling **305.448.7421, ext. 120**. VISA and MasterCard are accepted. For instant processing and confirmation anytime: **Order tickets quickly, safely, and conveniently online at www.CommunityArtsProgram.org**. All concerts are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Convenient and **FREE parking!**

FREE Community Arts Program (CAP) Summer Master Classes & Jam Sessions

FREE CAP Summer Master Classes & Jam Sessions by the following CAP Summer Concert Series artists are on the **Friday morning (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)** following their concert: **Langston Hughes II, Warren Wolf, Leonela Alejandro, and Clayton Stephenson**. All are invited to attend. CAP Summer Master Classes & Jam Sessions offer fascinating topics and fun discoveries. CAP Summer Master Classes & Jam Sessions are in the historic Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ sanctuary (where CAP Summer Concert Series concerts are also held).

DIRECTIONS

Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 3010 De Soto Boulevard (across from the iconic Biltmore Hotel, and five miles from Miami International Airport) in Coral Gables, FL, USA.

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