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Cuban Jazz Pianist Nachito Herrera joins MacPhail at Minneapolis Parks to Heat Up Water Works on July 9

Free, open to the public event featuring Nachito Herrera Trio, the Michael Cain trio, and MacPhail faculty and student performances (3-7:00 pm)

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Minneapolis, MN -- [Ignacio “Nachito” Herrera’s](#) talent was recognized early on; he performed

“When we first envisioned Water Works Park, our vision included partnering with neighborhood arts organizations to activate the space and build community. As a board member of MacPhail, Friends of the Falls and the Minneapolis Parks Foundation, it is gratifying to see live music happening this summer. The partnership between MacPhail and the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board is a great example of how this space can be utilized for the community’s benefit.” Paul Reyelts

Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 2 with the Havana Symphony Orchestra at age 12. Well known to North American jazz audiences — he’s toured America with the Afro-Cuban All Stars and was lead pianist and musical director of ¡Cubanismo! Herrera is “Explosive. Crowd-pleasing. Rhythmically intense. Romantic. Dynamic. Jaw-droppingly good.” (Minneapolis Star Tribune)

The Mississippi falls will welcome a variety of ages, styles, and instruments during an afternoon of free music at the Water Works Park. MacPhail Center for Music presents performances by students, faculty, and the [Michael Cain](#) Trio (featuring Anthony Cox and Kevin Washington). The event culminates with a special performance by the Nachito Herrera Trio.

All are welcome at this free event taking place on Saturday, July 9 from 3 to 7 pm at [Water Works at Mill Ruins Park](#). This is the second of five MacPhail Center for Music events at Water Works this summer. Still to come: August 2, “[Summer Sing](#)” Choir Concert at noon; August 3, [Dementia Friendly Sing-a-long](#), 6:30 pm; and a [Broadway Sing-a long](#), 6:30 pm.

About [MacPhail Center for Music](#)

MacPhail Center for Music is committed to transforming lives and strengthening communities through music learning experiences that inspire. Each year, MacPhail offers programming to 15,000 students of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities, at locations in Minneapolis, White Bear Lake, Chanhassen, Apple Valley, Austin, and Madeline Island, WI., as well as 104 community partnerships across the Twin Cities. An industry leader in online music education, MacPhail's Live Online and Online School Partnerships programs have reached students for the past eleven years. MacPhail has a 115-year history of excellence, promoting life-long learning and building long-term relationships between students and teachers. For more information, visit macphail.org.

About the [Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board \(MPRB\)](#)

Established in 1883, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) oversees a renowned urban park system spanning more than 6,800 acres of parkland and water. Featured among its 180 park properties are [55 miles of parkways](#), [102 miles of biking and walking paths along the Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway](#), [66 pools](#), [12 beaches](#), dozens of [ice rinks](#), [12 formal gardens](#), seven [golf courses](#) and [49 recreation centers](#). Altogether, MPRB properties receive about annual 26 million visits.

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