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Taste of Lincoln Avenue
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Sat/Sun, August 6-7
Back for its 33rd year!

Taste of Lincoln Avenue

► **Cool tunes on two stages**

Including Blues Traveler, G Love & Special Sauce,
Marianas Trench and Aaron Carter

► **Family fun @ the KIDS' CARNIVAL area**

► **Plus food, artists and ALL-NEW Wine Tastings!**

► **Proceeds benefit the Wrightwood Neighbors Association**

CHICAGO—July 25, 2016—Chicago's summer vibe will be in full swing when Taste of Lincoln Avenue, one of the Windy City's most iconic (and pioneering) street fests, returns for its 33rd fun-filled year to the Lincoln Park/DePaul neighborhood on Saturday and Sunday, August 6-7.

The event benefits the invaluable programs and services of the Wrightwood Neighbors Association (www.WrightwoodNeighbors.org).

Stretching over several city blocks and side streets on the eponymous strip of Lincoln Avenue between Fullerton and Wrightwood, highlights include nearly 20 acts on two music stages, a stand-alone "**Kids' Carnival**" area, plus plenty of food, libations and arts & crafts.

In total, the fest features more than 60 merchant, artists, community group and food/drink booths.

NEW in 2016: "Taste of Lincoln Wine Tastings" each afternoon from 2:00-5:00 p.m. With the purchase of a \$30 daily wine tasting pass, ticket holders will be able to sample up to 15 varietals in a special area located at Lincoln Ave. and Montana. (Advance tickets can be purchased at www.ChicagoEvents.com.)

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Taste of Lincoln Avenue hours are Noon-10:00 p.m. both days. Suggested gate donation for adults, which benefits the Wrightwood Neighbors Association (WNA), is \$10. For more fest info and/or to purchase wine tasting pass, please visit www.TasteOfLincolnChicago.com or www.ChicagoEvents.com; 773.868.3010.

Taste of Lincoln Avenue is WNA's major annual fundraiser. It began in 1984 as a way to help fund the WNA organization and to provide financial support for local public schools and non-profit organizations through grants. TOLA continues to provide that support today. It allows WNA to support local schools by funding art, theatre, film, and dance programs for students as well as providing funds for science programs and special projects.

Music at Taste of Lincoln Avenue

Among this year's music performers are acclaimed New Jersey rockers Blues Traveler; alt-hip-hop rockers G Love & Special Sauce; lauded Canadian punk popsters Marianas Trench; and pop heartthrob Aaron Carter.

Kids/Family Fun

The always-popular **Kids' Carnival** will again be held from Noon-6:00 p.m. each afternoon on Altgeld between Lincoln and Halsted (it can be accessed for free from Halsted and Altgeld).

The party for the young ones and their parents features inflatables, art activities galore, pony rides, kiddie carnival rides and more. (Note: there is a cost for some activities.)

And Food...

Among this year's dozen or so fest food vendors are the neighborhood's Fiesta Mexicana, Sweet Station (Chinese), Green Bean, Venezuelan Bowl & Grill, and the pizza of both Bacci and the Slice Factory.

This year's stage schedule is...

FULLERTON (MAIN) STAGE

Saturday, August 6

1:15 pm	School of Rock (kids)
2:50 pm	T.L. Williams & the Storm Chasers (neo-soul/R&B)
4:45 pm	Aaron Carter (pop)
6:15 pm	MarchFourth! (theatrical rock/funk)
8:00 pm	Marianas Trench (punk pop)

Sunday, August 7

1:15 pm	CREW (rock)
3:00 pm	Dan Hubbard (pop/rock)
5:10 p.m.	Brother StarRace (soulful pop)
6:45 pm	G Love & Special Sauce (hip-hop)
8:30 pm	Blues Traveler (rock)

WRIGHTWOOD STAGE

Saturday, August 6

1:00 pm	One Hot Mess (pop/rock)
3:30 pm	Stache (pop/rock)
5:30 pm	Catfight (pop/rock)
8:00 pm	16 Candles (pop/rock)

WRIGHTWOOD STAGE

Sunday, August 7

1:15 pm	Slim Gypsy Baggage (pop/rock)
3:30 pm	Boy Band Review (boy band tribute)
5:45 pm	Rod Tuffcurls & The Bench Press (pop/rock)
7:45 pm	Start Making Sense (Talking Heads tribute)

More About Wrightwood Neighbors Association (WNA)

WNA is a volunteer non-profit community organization made up of local residents and business owners. Established in 1962, WNA has worked since then to ensure that Wrightwood is a thriving, safe, and welcoming community.

Taste of Lincoln Avenue also allows WNA to provide support for other initiatives including the local parks, Wiggly Field, Fire Department, Police Department, Lakeview Pantry, Dignity Diner, and Lincoln Park Community Shelter among others that provide valuable services to residents of the Wrightwood community. To learn more visit www.WrightwoodNeighbors.org.

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