

What is Rhythm Fest?

Rhythm Fest is a one-day only celebration in honor of Third Coast Percussion's 20th Anniversary Season. It features performances by over 2 dozen artists, representing some of the best in today's classical, electronic, and contemporary music and dance scenes.

Where & when is Rhythm Fest?

Rhythm Fest will take place on June 28, 2025 at the Epiphany Center for the Arts, 201 S. Ashland Ave, in Chicago, IL.

How should I get to Rhythm Fest?

Epiphany Center for the Arts is located in the West Town area of Chicago, just a couple of blocks from the United Center.

For those driving, there is parking available in attended lots at 1608 W. Adams or 1640 W. Jackson Blvd, just west of Epiphany. There is also metered street parking near the venue, along with SpotHero options in the neighborhood. **All options are pay by credit card only.**

Attendees using Uber and Lyft should use the main Epiphany address as your destination (201 S. Ashland Ave, Chicago).

For those using the CTA, we recommend taking the Green Line or Pink Line to the Ashland stop (NOT Ashland/63rd–just Ashland). From there, it's about a 15-minute (5 block) walk south on Ashland to Epiphany Center for the Arts. The #9 Ashland bus can be boarded just outside the train station heading south, and drops off diagonally across the street from Epiphany (request the Adams Street stop).

How does this all work, exactly?

When you arrive at Epiphany, check in at the Box Office, located just inside the main entrance, to receive your Rhythm Fest wristband: this grants you access to all events. Doors for individual performances open 15 minutes before the listed start time for VIP entry, and 10 minutes before the listed start time for General Admission ticket holders. There is a mix of seating and standing options available in each performance space. Performances run 30-90 minutes, and you can come and go as you please during numbers/sets. However, some rooms do have capacity limits, so if you leave a popular performance, you may not be able to get back in if the room is full (we don't want to upset the fire department!). Ushers will be available at each performance space to answer questions and assist as-needed throughout the day–just look for someone in a blue Rhythm Fest t-shirt!

What does my ticket give me access to?

Your ticket, regardless of type (Student, General Admission, VIP), allows you entry to every event at Rhythm Fest, space permitting. All ticket holders will be able to attend the finale concert and afterparty in Epiphany Hall.

What do I get with my VIP ticket?

Your VIP ticket grants you early entry into every performance. Arrive 15 minutes before the listed start time to guarantee your access to shows. If you arrive after the doors open for a specific performance, you jump to the front of the entry line (if there is one).

For the finale concert in Epiphany Hall, you're guaranteed seating at the front of the house. And, all VIP attendees get some special Rhythm Fest swag to take home-you can pick your gift up anytime during the Fest at the Merch Table, located in Epiphany's Cafe.

Where do I check in?

Check in at the Epiphany Box Office, just inside the main doors, with the name used to purchase your ticket. You'll receive your Rhythm Fest wristband, which serves as your ticket and entry pass into all events. VIP attendees should also visit our merch table, located in the Cafe, to pick up their special gift anytime during the Fest.

Can I come and go during the day?

You bet! Just wear your wristband and you'll be able to re-enter Epiphany Center for the Arts.



What's the schedule of events?

Epiphany's doors open at 11:30am, 30 minutes before the start of Rhythm Fest. Performances run noon until approximately 10pm, with sets lasting from 30 to 90 minutes. Performances and exhibits occur in one of 6 areas at Epiphany: Epiphany Hall, the Catacombs, the Chase House, Sanctuary, the Courtyard, and the Guild Room. A full schedule is available here. Performance rooms have a mix of seating and standing available. In case of rain, all Courtyard events will move indoors to the Chase House.

What amenities are available onsite?

Epiphany Center for the Arts has numerous rotating art galleries with free displays of work by local and national artists for visitors to enjoy, and Third Coast Percussion has created several installations throughout the building highlighting our 20-year history, offering hands-on experimentation with percussion instruments, and more. There's also a video installation by Glenn Kotche of Wilco, available all day in the Guild Room for attendees to enjoy.

Epiphany Cafe will be open from noon to 10pm during Rhythm Fest and offers a menu of light bites and a full bar. To view the menu, visit Epiphany's website. Note that you will need to show ID to order alcohol from the bar, and no cash is accepted. There are also indoor and outdoor leisure areas to enjoy.

Is Rhythm Fest accessible?

Epiphany's campus is 100% ADA accessible and compliant. Performances take place throughout the building on three levels, and are accessible via stairs or elevator. If you have specific needs, please contact the Epiphany Box Office at (312) 421-4600 to discuss how we can make your visit a success.

Can I bring in my own food?

No, no outside food is allowed, but Epiphany Cafe will be open all day. Feel free to bring your own water bottle to refill (no glass, please). Those with children or special dietary requirements will be able to bring in limited food for their enjoyment during the festival.

Is there a group discount?

Yes! Groups of 6 or more save \$10 on General Admission tickets. You can purchase your group tickets online through Epiphany's website.



Is this family-friendly?

Yes! We offer a student ticket to anyone in grade school, high school, or college for just \$30. Please note that all attendees under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18.

Are there opportunities to participate in the performances?

Yes! Several of the activities are interactive, including the Drum Circle at noon, the Family Music Jam at 1PM, the Making Waves Jam at 2:30PM, and the Musical Invocation at 6:45PM. Look for signs around throughout the performance spaces for other fun all-ages activities.

Do you have festival merch?

We do! Check out our exclusive Rhythm Fest posters and t-shirts at the Merch table, located in Epiphany's Cafe. We'll also have TCP merch and items from our guest artists for sale. **Please note, no cash will be accepted.**

What if I can no longer attend?

If you cannot make it, please contact the Epiphany Box Office at (312) 421-4600 to let them know. No refunds or exchanges can be offered on Rhythm Fest tickets.

Is there a program?

Yes, we will have a digital program available for the event. Check back here the week of the festival for the link, or you'll be able to access via a QR code onsite at Rhythm Fest.

What's nearby to eat?

West Town is a vibrant neighborhood with numerous dining options within walking distance or a short drive. We've put together <u>a handy Google Map</u> with details on where to go to grab a bite.



