Overview and History
VENUE

**Chene Park Amphitheatre** is Detroit’s premiere summer concert venue. Located at 2600 Atwater in the heart of downtown Detroit, Chene Park is a live entertainment jewel. This renowned venue that sits on a 9-acre site is uniquely positioned on an international waterway with Canada as its backdrop. Chene Park is a City of Detroit, Recreation Dept. facility, managed and operated by The Right Productions, Inc. since 2004.

- **40+:** number of concerts and events held each season. In addition to a stellar concert series, graduations, community and private events are held at Chene Park.
- **6,000:** number of seats in the canopied venue. 5,000 seats and 1,000 lawn spaces atop the hill. Events are held rain or shine. Lighted and secure parking is available.
- **150,000:** number of guests expected per season. Crowds are increasingly diverse and incredibly loyal. Boaters regularly gather in the rear of the stage to soak up the sounds.
- **10:** Recognized among [USA Today’s 10Best see & do in Detroit](#)
- **#63:** rank among [Pollstar’s Top 100 Amphitheatres in the World](#)

For more information, visit [cheneparkdetroit.com](http://cheneparkdetroit.com). Follow Chene Park on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Download the Chene Park mobile app to receive alerts and promos.

Chene Park’s long-popular Wednesday Jazzy Nights series showcases legends and leaders in Jazz and R&B at an affordable price. Weekends at Chene Park feature increasingly diverse genres including R&B, Hip-Hop, Rock, Pop, Latino, Hindi/Bollywood and more.

Many fans buy season tickets before a full schedule has been announced. On Box Office opening day, hundreds of fans line up in cold weather to be the first to buy show tickets.
In the early 1980s, Mayor Coleman A. Young, envisioned an amphitheatre along the riverfront near downtown – one that would rival other venues and redevelop the city’s waterfront. From land historically used for industrial purposes, Chene Park was born.

Named for Charles Chene, a French immigrant who owned land along the shores of the Detroit River, Chene Park provided Detroiter’s access to the riverfront. While Chene Park actually opened and hosted concerts in 1984, a full music series did not begin until late Spring of 1985. The first shows were produced by Shahida Mausi, in her role as Executive Director, Detroit Council of the Arts.

Chene Park was designed by the architect firm Schervish, Vogel and Merz. It was constructed for $2.2 million, with an initial capacity of 2,000. Using the name “Riverfront Music Theatre at Chene Park”, the space was eventually upgraded to include permanent seats and a distinct canopied roof. The now 6,000-capacity riverfront venue has a seating design and intimate rapport between performers and audience that is uniquely Chene Park.
Some of the artists performing in Chene Park’s first year included jazz singer Carmen McRae, jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, saxophonist Ornette Coleman and singer Dianne Reeves. The facility has grown from a simple stage, some pillars and a hill to become one of the top 100 amphitheatres in the world.

Chene Park is a City of Detroit, Recreation Department facility, that employs 300 persons over its summer season. An Agreement is in place with the Detroit Stage and Film Technicians Union, I.A.T.S.E Local 38.
2018 LINEUP

BUY YOUR TICKETS to Summer

MAY 27
LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE

JUNE 9
JHENÉ AIKO
RO JAMES & YUNA

JUNE 16
RONNIE, BOBBY, RICKY & MIKE SILK

JUNE 17
A FATHER’S DAY EVENT
MAZE FEATURING FRANKIE BEVERLY & ANGELA WINBUSH & THE S.O.S. BAND

JUNE 23
ERYKAH BADU & NAS

JUNE 30
THE WHISPERS
THE DRAMATICS FEAT. L.J. REYNOLDS & MIDNIGHT STAR

JULY 14
PATTI LABELLE & KENNY “BABYFACE” EDMONDS

JUNE 6
WILL DOWNING
MARK WAX & THE STREET JAZZ CARTEL

JUNE 13
DAVID SANBORN
TIM BOWMAN

JUNE 20
JODY WATLEY
MIKE PHILLIPS

JUNE 27
AN EVENING WITH BRANFORD MARSALIS

JULY 11
NORMAN BROWN
BOBBY CALDWELL

JULY 18
BONEY JAMES
SEAN BLACKMAN

JULY 20
LINCOLN FIRST LISTEN PRESENTS
NE-YO WSG BRANDY

JULY 27
THE ROOTS & COMMON

JULY 28
LGBT 50’S LIVE FEATURING FLOCK OF SEAGULLS, THE ROMANTICS, WANG CHUNG, NAKED EYES & MORE!

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NISSAN PRESENTS
A NIGHT WITH KEM
TAMAR BRAXTON

AUGUST 4
KEM & INDIA.ARIE

AUGUST 18
EARTH, WIND & FIRE
SHEILA E.

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