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# 15th Annual Veggie Fest Chicago Returns to Lisle, IL August 9 & 10, 2025

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15th Annual Veggie Fest Chicago: Featuring some of Chicago's Best Musicians!

Veggie Fest is a not-for-profit organization bringing great connection with family and friends—and music is a big part of that experience.

New this year, Veggie Fest opens with a set from two local School of Rock academies. These young, up-and-coming musicians will be playing for a huge audience, so come out and cheer them on as they bring fresh lit vibes to our entire community. School of Rock Naperville opens on Saturday, August 9 and School of Rock Glen Ellyn opens on Sunday, August 10 from 11 – 11:45 each day.

Whatever genre you're into, we've got you covered: This year we are featuring a resident musician from Buddy Guy's Legends—**Brother John Kattke**. If you love Latin Jazz, come out for **Afinca'o** who is returning to serenade you with salsa, cha-cha, and merengue. The great **Rico** also makes a return with plenty of rock and Santana-roll to go around. Each night we close out the festival with our favorite

reggae musician, **Gizzae** who brings an island breeze and Caribbean rhythm to his amazing music.

Here's the schedule and more about the bands below:

**School of Rock Naperville:** Saturday 11AM – 11:45 AM

**School of Rock Glen Ellyn:** Sunday 11AM – 11:45 AM

**Brother John Kattke:** Saturday & Sunday, 12PM – 2:30 PM

**Afinca'o:** Saturday, 3:30 – 5:30PM

**Rico:** Sunday, 3:30 – 5:30PM

**Gizzae:** Saturday & Sunday, 6PM – 8PM

Still can't decide who is going on your dance card? We can help with that! In alphabetical order (since they're all favorites)!

**Afinca'o** is from the Chicagoland area and noted for their passionate performance whether it's Salsa, Cha-Cha, Latin Jazz, or Merengue. Each of the members has played with world-renowned Latin recording artists like Gilberto Santa Rosa, Luis Enrique, Victor Manuelle, N'Klabe, Frankie Negrón, Eddie Santiago, and more!

**Brother John Kattke** has been a resident musician at Buddy Guy's Legends in Chicago for over 30 years and is a true Chicago Blues hero. He and his band serve up a delicious mixture of Blues, Soul, Rock, with a New Orleans style.

**Gizzae** is an award-winning reggae band. Their members come from the beautiful Caribbean island of Dominica, the Ancient and Holy Lands of Ethiopia, and the South Side of Chicago. A Chicago and Veggie Fest favorite, Gizzae brings people together to dance and celebrate.

**Rico** combines the rich sound of diversified musical cultures influenced by the spirit of Santana. Fiery and soulful, the band is comfortable in any genre and is right at home putting their spin on covers and musical pioneers from Bob Marley, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, James Brown, Hendrix, and of course, Santana!

**School of Rock** is based throughout the Chicagoland area. These schools instruct students on individual instruments and then teach

them how to come together and play as a band. The schools pride themselves on training Chicago's next generation of rock and roll stars. Students must audition to be selected to perform as an exclusive House Band. You will enjoy a mix of great family-friendly rock songs from a variety of eras and styles.

If you need any more convincing, [visit the Live Music section under Activities on the Veggie Fest Chicago website](#). There you can listen to selections from our bands. However, nothing can replace the live experience you get at the festival. So put on the sunscreen, grab a hat and your dancing feet and come to the greatest summer celebration around!

This amazing festival is supported by over 1100 smiling volunteers from 20 countries around the world.

With tons of fun for the whole family, don't miss out on the 15th Anniversary of Veggie Fest!

Go to <https://veggiefestchicago.org/festival/>

**Event Details:**

**Location:** Danada South Park at Navistar Circle, Lisle, IL 60532

**Dates:** August 9 & 10, 2025

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM each day

**Free Admission**

**Parking:** Free

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**More information about Veggie Fest 2025:**

<https://veggiefestchicago.org/#>

Click below to watch a video and experience the joy and excitement of Veggie Fest!

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<https://youtube.com/embed/HKqSMaryv5o>

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