

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park announces Thursday Night Concerts in the Park Series

Photo: Women in World Jazz

What better way to spend a summer evening than to take in a free concert in a garden setting? New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park has announced its 2016 Thursdays in the Park Concert Series. The concerts take place Thursday evenings each week during the summer starting July 14 through August 25 from 6:30-7:30 in New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's garden, 33 William Street, downtown New Bedford. In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be moved indoors.

The schedule for the concerts is as follows:

July 14: Jackson Gillman: Sea Songs

July 28: Squeezebox Stompers: Cajun and Zydeco music

August 4: World Music with Candida Rose and Women in World Jazz

August 11: New Bedford Sea Chantey Chorus

August 18: Toe Jam Puppet Band: kids' concert

August 25: Wampanoag Singers and Dancers (Native American music)

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is

the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States. The National Park visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. It is open seven days a week, from 9 AM-5 PM, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10 AM-4 PM. The visitor center is wheelchair-accessible, and is free of charge. For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov/nebe or visit the park's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NewBedfordNPS. Everyone finds their park in a different way. Discover yours at FindYourPark.com