

Al Fresco events take off in Northeast Ohio

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Apollo's Fire sold out all seven of its outdoor "Tuscan Sun" concerts last week, and now patrons of Akron's Tuesday Musical "Music al fresco: Passport 2020" have snapped up all the available seats — socially distanced, of course — for its three Sunday afternoon performances in September and October at historic Barder House in West Akron.

That's a nice problem to have, and TMA has solved it by adding an extra 1:00 pm performance to the existing 3:00 pm performances on September 6 (Russian Duo), September 20 (Black Squirrel Winds), and October 11 (Found Sounds: Ghana, Trinidad, Brazil).

Executive Director Cynthia Snider wrote in a press release, "We have carefully designed Music al fresco: Passport 2020 to provide a safe entertainment option for audiences in Northeast Ohio where most live arts events have been canceled for months because of COVID-19."

Snider added that strict safety protocols will be in force in coordination with Summit County Public Health. "Attendance will be capped, patrons must bring their own seating, there will be no intermission during the one-hour concerts, masks will be required at all times except when patrons are seated, and separate seating areas for no more than four patrons each will be spaced at least ten feet apart."

Tickets at \$20 for individual concerts or \$50 for the set of three may be reserved [online](#) or by calling 330.761.3360.

Clevelanders have the option of a local semi-al fresco event on Thursday, August 27 at 6:30 pm, when The Marshall Griffith Trio (Marshall Griffith, piano, Linda White, flute, Dean Newton, bass) will give an hour-long live concert in the parking lot of the Cleveland Heights Recreation Center. Attendees will listen from their cars and each person must purchase a \$5 [ticket](#).

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