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Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros for Arts Festival



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It's that time of the year again. The weather is hotter (we're disregarding this week) and our clothing has gone from layers to less. Summer in the city means more to do, see and

hear. It's the best time to check out an outdoor concert and the pot really sweetens when it's free.

This year, on June 7th, the Dollar Bank Three Rivers Arts Festival is finally back in motion. It's a sign that summer is truly in full swing. An exciting part is not only is it 10 days of free music and art but the Point State Park fountain will officially be open again. There will be a laser-light show projecting a rainbow of colored lights on its 200-foot tall water spout and a concert featuring Edward Sharpe and The Magic Zeros.

If you haven't seen or heard this band, you're missing out. The joy and fun they project not only in their voices, but with their stage presence is unlike any other. This is the abridged version of how they came to be. Lead singer, Alex Ebert, began work on a book about a Messiah like figure named Edward Sharpe after breaking up with his girlfriend, joining a 12-step program for addiction and moving into a house with his lifelong friend Nicholas Raymond Kellen.

According to Ebert, "Sharpe was sent down to Earth to kinda heal and save mankind – but he kept getting distracted by girls and falling in love." Ebert later met singer Jade Castrinos outside a downtown Los Angeles cafe. In the summer of 2009, Ebert, Castrinos, and a group of musicians toured the country by bus as Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros.

Their happy-hippie vibe is completely infectious and we want you all to be exposed to the disease. The show starts on Friday, June 7 at 7:30 pm at the Dollar Bank Stage. Here's some feet stomping music to get you in the mood.

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