

Square Roots Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: Where is Square Roots 2019?

A: Square Roots takes place along Lincoln Avenue between Montrose Avenue and Wilson Avenue.

Q: When is Square Roots 2019?

A: Square Roots is Friday, July 12, 5-10 p.m., Saturday, July 13, noon-10 p.m. and Sunday, July 14, noon-9 p.m.

Q: How much is it to get in?

A: Our suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 seniors/kids, and \$20 for families. Donations benefit both Old Town School and Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber community programs by providing music scholarships, public farmers markets, free summer concerts, artist-in-residence programs at public schools around Chicagoland, and so much more. This is a truly local festival and your donation stays nearby to support these programs.

Q: Where can I park?

A: While 2-hour metered parking is available on the main streets surrounding the festival, it is very limited. We highly recommend public transportation. The Brown Line stops on Western Avenue, just a few blocks north of the festival. The 49 Western, 78 Montrose and 11 Lincoln buses have stops in close proximity to the fest.

Q: Can I ride my bike?

A: Of course! There are many bike paths that lead right to the festival. We encourage all riders to lock up their bikes, outside of the festival gates. We bring in additional bike racks on Lincoln and Sunnyside to avoid navigating the bustling street.

Q: Can I pay cash for food and drinks?

A: No, this is a ticketed event and food and beverage vendors will only accept tickets for your food and beverage purchases.

Q: How much are food and drink tickets?

A: Food and drink tickets are \$1 per ticket. Most food items will cost between 3-10 tickets.

Q: Can I buy food and drink tickets with a credit card?

A: Yes. There is a credit card machine at each ticket booth and ATMs on site.

Q: How many craft beers will be on tap?

A: More than 40 selections from the best Chicago and regional craft breweries will be on tap! Specialty tappings and unique pours are also available in our Brew Lounge on Saturday and Sunday 1-7. For surprise special tappings, follow @SquareRootsChi.

Q: How many music acts will perform?

A: Over 50 acts including music, jams, dance and family activities will perform on 4 different stages (2 indoor and 2 outdoor).

Q: Can I bring my kids?

A: Of course! We have a safe and fun Kids Zone area set up from noon-6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, with kid-friendly entertainment, arts and crafts, face painting, swing set drum kit, inflatables an instrument petting zoo and more! Entry & activities are free!

Q: Are there any vendors with vegetarian/gluten-free options?

A: Yes! At Square Roots, we strive to bring a variety of local restaurants and food vendors to you, including several that accommodate vegetarian, gluten-free and other dietary needs. Menus are available at Squareroots.org and in the program you receive at the entrance gate.

Q: I live around the corner. Can I bring my own alcohol?

A: No. Attendees found in violation of City Code Section 8-4-030 for Open Container shall be ticketed and fined not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 or shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of six months or by both such fine and imprisonment for each offense.

Q: I am not attending the festival but looking to patronize or have an appointment with a local business along the festival route. Do I need to pay at the gate to go to my haircut/shop in the stores/attend my Old Town class?

A: No, no one is required to donate at the gate to enter the festival area to conduct business. However, we do hope you'll come back for great music and food and support this great festival's efforts to fund music scholarships, free concerts and more.

Q: I'm with the media and looking to cover the festival. Who should I talk to?

A: Please contact Melissa Lagowski at Big Buzz Idea Group, (773) 804-8589. She can also be emailed at melissa@bigbuzzideagroup.com.

Q: Can my band play at Square Roots?

A: We love hearing new music—even if the lineup is already set for this year, we will consider any original artists for future years. Please send inquiries to squarerootsbooking@oldtownschool.org.

Q: Are dogs allowed?

A: While we don't prohibit dogs, we don't recommend bringing man's best friend either. Dogs can be unpredictable in big crowds. If your dog causes harm to someone else, you will be held responsible.

Q: Where can I find more information regarding Square Roots?

A: Visit our website, Squareroots.org, like us on Facebook at Square Roots Chicago or follow us on Twitter and Instagram @SquareRootsChi, for the festival fun!