

### A quirky concert venue

**WHAT BEGAN AS A WEALTHY MAN'S** private museum has morphed into a magical place for summer concerts in Barrington Hills (40 miles northwest of Chicago's Loop). Sanfilippo Place de la Musique stands on a 57-acre estate, and

it holds the world's largest collection of automatic musical instruments, including player pianos and the largest restored theater pipe organ.

Concertgoers can arrive early to tour the home and gape at the collection. Antique street lamps from Milwaukee line the driveway, and a copper spire from Schlitz Brewery tops the Tudor-style house. The house has fixtures from half a

dozen Midwest theaters and more than 400 antique phonographs. The American Orchestrion Room contains art glass-fronted orchestrions (machines that play many different instruments at once) and Tiffany lamps. In the Victorian Bar Arcade and Ice Cream Parlor, you'll also see fortune-telling machines and an antique popcorn machine.

This season's remaining concerts will take place July 20

(the Prohibition Orchestra of Chicago), August 24 (an organ duo and piano duet of ragtime music) and September 21 (an opera quartet). Tickets cost \$65 (place delamusique.org). *Katherine Rodeghier*

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