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Chicago Jazz Festival opens seven-day stand

THE FIRST Chicago Jazz Festival will open at 8 p.m. Monday in the Pritzker Music Shell in Grant Park.

The seven-day festival is sponsored by the City of Chicago and the Jazz Institute of Chicago. Admission is free.

It will be the first time in the city's history that a jazz festival of this size will be held in Chicago.

The festival will feature a variety of jazz styles, including bebop, hard bop, and fusion.

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Band members felled by mass hysterical reaction

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Woman hurt by subway train

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New escape attempts at Maryland prison

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