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MIDSUMMER NIGHT SWING

The annual dancing under the stars at Lincoln Center starts this week. The action is taking place not on Fountain Plaza, the traditional location, which is a sea of construction owing to the center's ongoing renovations, but rather in nearby Damrosch Park. There's still a dance floor, though, and lessons preceding the shows. July 8: The energetic and enterprising vocalist Nellie McKay has a go at fronting a swing band. July 9: Chuck Brown, the Godfather of Go-Go, brings in the funk. July 10: Michael Arenella & His Dreamland Orchestra, fresh off of taking dancers back to the Roaring Twenties at their dance party on Governors Island earlier this summer. July 11: The Loser's Lounge break out the polyester for a night of seventies disco. July 12: Salsa and mambo with Dante Vargas & the Cat Band. July 15: The Alan Gresik Swing Shift Orchestra, a powerful ensemble out of Chicago, makes its New York City debut. (For more information, visit www.lincolncenter.org.)