

BRYANT
PARK **PICNIC**
PERFORMANCES

Presented by **BANK OF AMERICA** 

LIVE
MUSIC,
THEATER,
AND DANCE
26 EVENINGS
ON THE
LAWN

June 1 to
September 14

WENOSOME

Friends,

We are so excited to welcome you back for the 2023 season of Picnic Performances!

Over the past few years, Picnic Performances has grown into one of New York City's foremost outdoor celebrations of music, theater, and dance. Last summer more than 75,000 people attended the series, and nearly half a million watched the free performance livestreams.

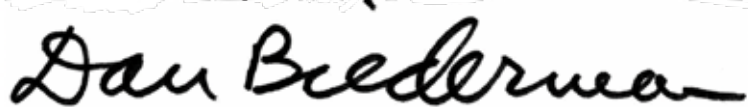
This summer Bryant Park continues to serve as a vital platform for a wide range of NYC arts institutions. We are thrilled to partner again with Carnegie Hall, Alvin Ailey, and New York City Opera and to begin collaborations with Drom, Jalopy Theatre, and Roulette. We welcome world-class local artists as well as performers from as far away as Italy, Colombia, Turkey, Finland, and South Africa.

Picnic Performances is one of the easiest ways to experience this city's extraordinary arts and culture. Bryant Park staff lends out more than five hundred free picnic blankets and sets up hundreds of our iconic bistro chairs. Attendees can bring their own picnic or purchase food and drinks from curated local vendors. There are no tickets or lines: just come to the park and enjoy.

Finally, we extend our sincere gratitude to our neighbors and partners at Bank of America, whose support is critical to the Park, and who makes Picnic Performances possible.

Whether you join us on the lawn or watch from home, we look forward to hosting you!

Sincerely,



Dan Biederman
Executive Director, Bryant Park Corporation






2023 SCHEDULE

Shows at 7pm





except 6/24 (5pm)

Watch the livestream @bryantparknyc

JUN

1	New York City Opera	<i>La Bohème</i>	
2	Jazzmobile	The Steven Oquendo Latin Jazz Orchestra	
8	Contemporary Dance	Robin Dunn + Legendary Friends	
9	Contemporary Dance	Dance Heginbotham, TBA	
15	Contemporary Dance	Terk Lewis, Kayla Farrish	
16	Contemporary Dance	Soles of Duende, Josh Johnson	
23	Emerging Music Festival	THUS LOVE, Psymon Spine, Katy Kirby	
24	Emerging Music Festival	Ky Vöss, Seramic, Miss Grit, Dead Tooth	
30	Jalopy Theatre	Three-artist folk festival	






JUL

7	Carnegie Hall Citywide	Arturo O’Farrill and Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra	
14	Carnegie Hall Citywide	Tessa Lark + Michael Thurber	
21	Carnegie Hall Citywide	Magos Herrera featuring The Knights	
28	Carnegie Hall Citywide	Champe-Soukous Collective	

AUG

3	Ailey Moves NYC	Ailey II	
4	Carnegie Hall Citywide	Ndlovu Youth Choir	
11	Joe’s Pub	Shaina Taub	
18	New York City Opera	<i>The Barber of Seville</i>	
19	New York City Opera	Alessandro Lora in concert	
25	Accordions Around the World	Three global bands feature the accordion	
26	Roulette Intermedium	75 Dollar Bill, Ka Baird, TBA	

SEP

1	The Classical Theatre of Harlem	<i>Langston in Harlem</i>	
7	American Symphony Orchestra	Full orchestra with Leon Botstein	
8	New York City Opera	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	
9	Drom	Gaye Su Akyol (U.S. debut)	
14	Harlem Stage	40th Anniversary Celebration	

ON THE LAWN

The lawn opens at 5pm. Come early for a front row seat, or drop-in at any time.



Blankets

Bryant Park lends out hundreds of free blankets on a first-come, first-served basis – or bring your own cotton or fleece blanket. To protect the lawn, please do not sit on waterproof materials such as plastic tarps, yoga mats, or inflatable chairs.



Chairs

Take a seat in one of the pre-set chairs on the lawn or grab a chair from the gravel. You can use a chair anywhere in the park except for the center-lawn blanket zone.



Food and drink

Bring your own picnic, or purchase food and drinks from tents on the east side of the lawn. Look for the Stout NYC and Hester Street Fair vendors, and be sure to visit the Bryant Park shop, too!



Games

Find a parachute, giant Jenga, and more on the east side of the lawn.



Dogs

We love dogs, but dog urine can leave bald spots on the lawn. Dogs are welcome on the gravel and bluestone, but please no dogs on the lawn.



Weather and rain

Performances are cancelled when it is unsafe to be outdoors. In some cases, the lawn may be too wet to open but the performance may continue. Follow [@bryantparknyc](#) for day-of event updates.

PERFORMANCE LIVESTREAMS



Ryan Muir



Watch full, multi-camera livestreams of more than 20 of this season's Picnic Performances at bryantpark.org as well as on Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook at [@bryantparknyc](https://www.facebook.com/bryantparknyc).

Follow us on TikTok too for more of our favorite summer moments.

Thursday, June 1 at 7pm

New York City Opera

LA BOHÈME



City Opera opens the 2023 season with a star-studded, fully staged performance of a beloved Puccini classic.

Friday, June 2 at 7pm

Jazzmobile

THE STEVEN OQUENDO LATIN JAZZ ORCHESTRA



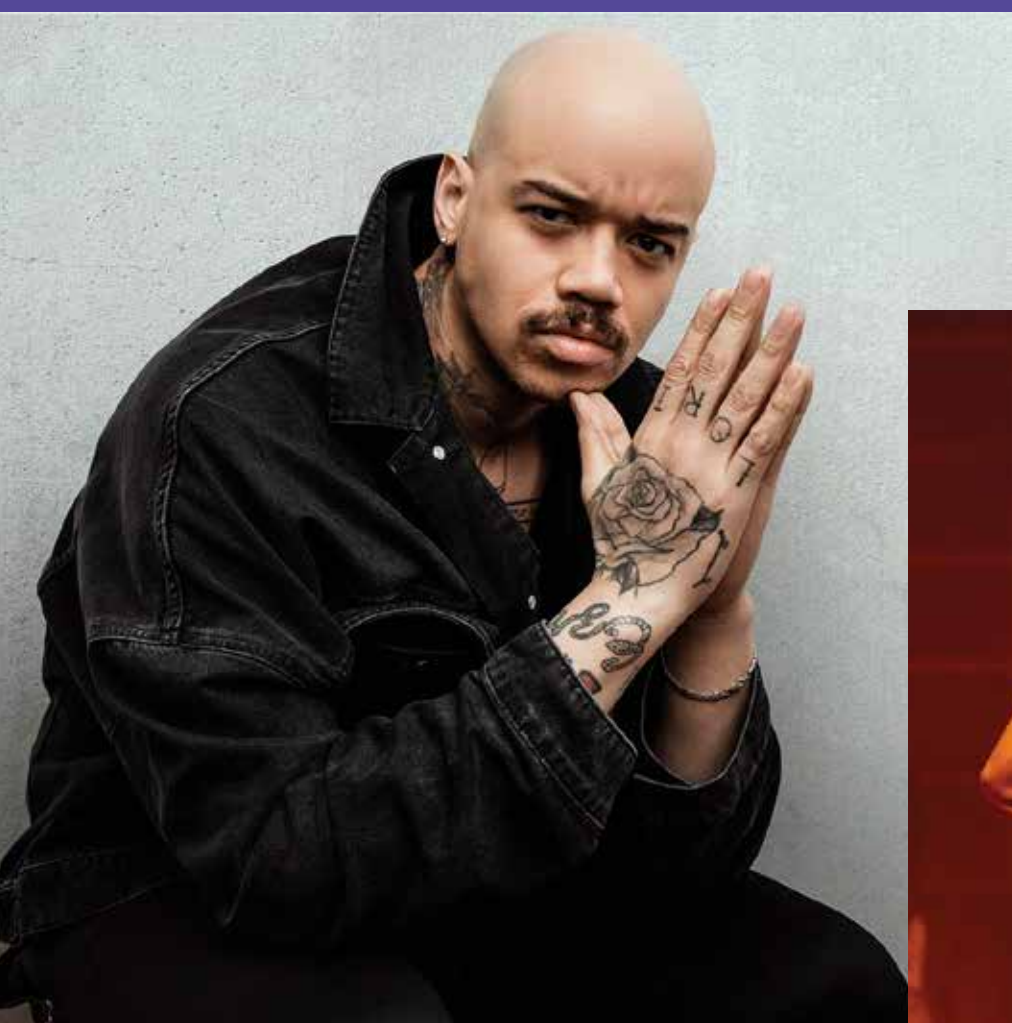
Trumpeter Steven Oquendo brings his 19-musician *big* band and some highly danceable Latin jazz.

Thursday, June 15 at 7pm

Contemporary Dance

TERK LEWIS

KAYLA FARRISH



Terk Lewis



Kayla Farrish

Sarah Annie Navarrete

Two rising stars and contemporary choreographers, Terk Lewis and Kayla Farrish, perform back-to-back.

Friday, June 16 at 7pm

Contemporary Dance

SOLES OF DUENDE

JOSH JOHNSON



Paula Lobo

Josh Johnson

Soles of Duende

An evening of percussive dance with all-female trio Soles of Duende and Harlem-based tap dancer Josh Johnson.

Friday, June 23 at 7pm

EMERGING MUSIC FESTIVAL

Day One



Psymon Spine



Katy Kirby

Jackie Lee Young



THUS LOVE

The park's annual celebration returns with three high-energy young bands, curated by AdHoc.

Saturday, June 24 at 5pm

EMERGING MUSIC FESTIVAL

Day Two



Dead Tooth



Ky Vöss



Miss Grit



Seramic

Day two is a five-hour celebration of artists performing indie pop, soul, folk, and rock, curated by AdHoc.

Friday, June 30 at 7pm

Jalopy Theatre

MICHAEL DAVES QUARTET
ft. TONY TRISHKA

YACOUBA SISSOKO

TERRELL KING



James Pardo

Michael Daves Quartet



Terrell King



Yacouba Sissoko

A three-part folk festival with King's lap steel guitar, Sissoko's masterful kora, and a Daves-led bluegrass supergroup.

Friday, July 7 at 7pm

Carnegie Hall Citywide

ARTURO O'FARRILL AND THE AFRO LATIN JAZZ ORCHESTRA



Laura Mariet

The inimitable Arturo O'Farrill leads the multi- Grammy-winning, 18-piece Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra.

Friday, July 14 at 7pm

Carnegie Hall Citywide

TESSA LARK AND MICHAEL THURBER



Charles Yang

American folk and European classical come together in the hands of violinist-fiddler Tessa Lark and composer-bassist Michael Thurber.

Friday, July 21 at 7pm

Carnegie Hall Citywide

MAGOS HERRERA FEATURING THE KNIGHTS



Shervin Lainez

Celebrating the release of her latest album *Aire*, Mexican jazz singer Magos Herrera performs with chamber orchestra The Knights.

Thursday, August 3 at 7pm

AILEY III



Photo by Rob DeMartin

The renowned and dynamic second company of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater performs as part of Ailey Moves NYC!

Friday, August 4 at 7pm

Carnegie Hall Citywide

NDLOVU YOUTH CHOIR



The South African choir is world-renowned for their powerhouse vocals, dazzling choreography, and irresistible pop-music sensibilities.

Friday, August 11 at 7pm

Joe's Pub

SHAINA TAUB



Obie Award winning, Emmy Award nominated songwriter and performer, Shaina Taub leads a special night of music.

Friday, August 18 at 7pm

New York City Opera

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE



Angelito Jusay

Rossini's sparkling music animates the hijinks of Figaro, opera's most famous barber. It's a fully staged crowd-pleaser.

Saturday, August 19 at 7pm

New York City Opera

ALESSANDRO LORA IN CONCERT



Tenor Alessandro Lora joins the New York City Opera Orchestra for a special concert of Italian favorites.

Friday, August 25 at 6pm

Accordions Around the World

DIANA BURCO

SUISTAMON SÄHKÖ

RAGINI ENSEMBLE



Ragini Ensemble



Diana Burco



Suistaman Sähkö

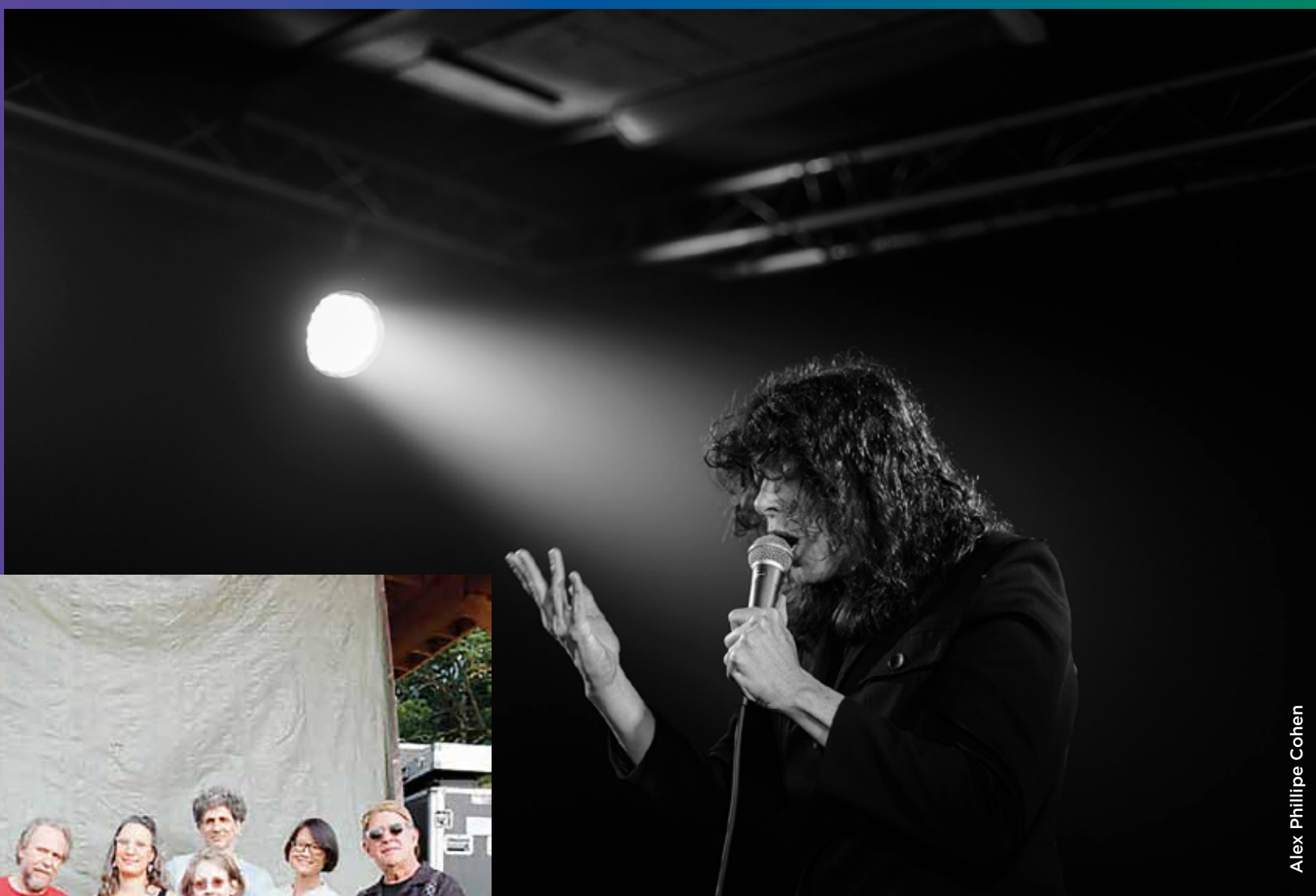
This year's festival showcases women-led projects: Burco's Colombian vallenato + cumbia, Finland's folk-electronic Suistamon Sähkö, and all-women Ragini Ensemble.

Saturday, August 26 at 7pm

Roulette Intermedium

75 DOLLAR BILL

KA BAIRD



Alex Phillippe Cohen

Ka Baird



75 Dollar Bill

Renowned music venue Roulette celebrates its 45th anniversary with adventurous artists across genres. Additional artist TBA.

Friday, September 1 at 7pm

The Classical Theatre of Harlem

LANGSTON IN HARLEM



Andrew Fassbender (2021)

Journey through the life of Langston Hughes in this abridged theatrical production filled with music, dance, and poetry. Cast TBA.

Thursday, September 7 at 7pm

American Symphony Orchestra

AMERICAN EXPRESSIONS



Chris Lee

Leon Botstein conducts the American Symphony Orchestra and highlights the musical languages that emerged in the 1920's.

Friday, September 8 at 7pm

New York City Opera

ROMEO AND JULIET



Gounod's sumptuous opera based on the story of Shakespeare's famous lovers, fully staged with orchestra and costumes.

Saturday, September 9 at 7pm

DROM

GAYE SU AKYOL



Straight from Istanbul, psych-rock artist Gaye Su Akyol makes her U.S. debut and marks the centenary of the Turkish Republic.

Thursday, September 14 at 7pm

Harlem Stage

40TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT



Harlem Stage kicks off its 40th anniversary season – and closes Picnic Performances – with a major jazz artist.

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