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## GRAND PARK WELCOMES THE SIGNS OF SPRING WITH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS THAT SHOWCASE LOS ANGELES' ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE AND APPRECIATION FOR THE OUTDOORS

LOS ANGELES (January 11, 2018) – [The Music Center](#) today announced [Grand Park's](#) spring programming line-up, which continues the celebration of the park's fifth anniversary. Grand Park's spring season includes the return of some of the park's most popular free activities and events, including Grand Park's spring lunchtime concerts and *Earth Day L.A.*, and celebrates the diversity and excellence of L.A.-based artists with the launch of *Grand Park's Our L.A. Voices – L.A. Arts Festival*.

"In the sprawling Los Angeles metropolis, Grand Park provides both a place and a reason for Angelenos to come together to experience the arts and each other in ways they never have before," said Rachel Moore, president and CEO of The Music Center. "In five short years under The Music Center's leadership, Grand Park has become Los Angeles' communal backyard – a safe space for people to express opinions about current events, for families to share a sunny Southern California afternoon, and a place for all to appreciate the many traditions and cultures of Los Angeles County," she added.

Julia Diamond, interim director of Grand Park, offered, "Grand Park continues to be a place that celebrates and provides a platform for L.A. artists to showcase their talent. This spring, the park welcomes back some of Los Angeles' most beloved events and introduces new experiences that are sure to join the list of favorites. From Grand Park's *Lunch à la Park Lunchtime Concerts* featuring some of L.A.'s most promising young musicians, to the launch of *Grand Park's Our L.A. Voices – L.A. Arts Festival*, Grand Park provides opportunities for Angelenos to share memorable experiences with their families and friends," she explained.

### Grand Park's spring programming line-up includes:

#### ***Earth Day L.A.***

Thursday, April 19, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Grand Park joins The Music Center and the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power to celebrate Los Angeles' largest earth day event. *Earth Day L.A.* offers Downtown L.A.'s residents, workers and visitors ideas and solutions on how to live clean and go green. The annual event features performances, tours, plant giveaways and demonstrations of the latest in green technology, which are all free to the public (and to a select number of school groups).

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***Grand Park's Our L.A. Voices – L.A. Arts Festival***

Friday, April 27, 2018; 6:00 p.m.– 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 28 2018; 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.;

Sunday, April 29, 2017; 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

*Grand Park's Our L.A. Voices – L.A. Arts Festival* is a weekend-long arts gathering that focuses exclusively on the diverse and powerful artistic talent in Los Angeles County. Envisioned as an annual “best of L.A. arts festival,” this free, three-day performing and visual arts showcase will bring dance, music and theatre performances as well as visual artwork by L.A. artists to Grand Park every spring. *Grand Park's Our L.A. Voices* will serve as a home for L.A. artists, underlining Grand Park's commitment to L.A.'s creative communities.

***Grand Park's Lunch à la Park:***

***Lunch à la Park Spring Concerts featuring L.A.'s youth artists***

Every Thursday from March 1 – May 31, 2018; 12:15 p.m. -- 1:15 p.m.

These weekly lunchtime concerts feature artists from L.A.'s top conservatories and training programs for high school artists. The series includes students from: L.A. County High School for the Arts, California School for the Arts and The Music Center's Spotlight Program.

***Lunch à la Park Food Trucks***

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch trucks on Olive Court (between Grand Avenue and Hill Street) & the Marketplace (between Spring Street and Broadway)

With more than 50,000 lunches sold in the park just last year, Grand Park continues its tradition of lunchtime in the park by providing downtowners and park visitors a wide variety of food trucks three days per week. Trucks are parked in two locations in the park: on Olive Court, between Grand Avenue and Hill Street (adjacent to the L.A. County Hall of Administration), and in the Marketplace (adjacent to City Hall), between Broadway and Spring Street.

***Lunch à la Park Yoga reTREAT***

Wednesdays and Fridays, 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Grand Park's popular yoga sessions continue, giving participants the opportunity to relax, rejuvenate and re-energize. All levels are welcome. Mats are provided.

For more information about free spring programming at Grand Park, visit [grandparkla.org](http://grandparkla.org). Follow Grand Park on Facebook (GrandParkLosAngeles), as well as Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat (@GrandPark\_LA).

**About Grand Park**

Operated and programmed by The Music Center, Grand Park has become a vibrant outdoor gathering place and a beautiful public park for the entire community in Los Angeles County. With expansive green space for gatherings large and small, Grand Park celebrates the county's cultural vitality and is host to community events, cultural experiences, holiday celebrations, and many other activities

on the west to City Hall on the east and is easily accessible by Metro via the Red/Purple line to the Civic Center/Grand Park station. The park was named one of American Planning Association's 10 "Great Public Spaces" in the U.S. for 2013. Working closely with the county, The Music Center is responsible for all operations and programming for the park. For more information, visit [grandparkla.org](http://grandparkla.org). Follow Grand Park on Facebook (GrandParkLosAngeles), as well as Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat (@GrandPark\_LA).

### **About The Music Center**

The Music Center is Los Angeles' home to the world's greatest artistic programs and events with four iconic theatres and an outdoor plaza. In addition to its four-renowned resident companies – Center Theatre Group, the Los Angeles Master Chorale, LA Opera and LA Phil – The Music Center presents an international dance series, free and low-cost public programming and special events and activities for all ages. From its early days, The Music Center has been a pioneer in arts education and offers a multi-faceted program from K-12. With *The Music Center On Location*™, the non-profit performing arts organization brings programming to locations outside of its Downtown Los Angeles campus. The Music Center also programs and manages Grand Park, a 12-acre adjacent greenspace, with year-round free programming. For more information, visit [musiccenter.org](http://musiccenter.org) Follow The Music Center on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat (@MusicCenterLA).

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