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GRAND PARK CELEBRATES THE DAYS OF SUMMER WITH FREE WAYS TO HAVE GREAT FUN UNDER THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUN

– Angelenos Can Enjoy Free Dance Parties, Bootcamp, a Photographic Art Gallery and the Annual *Grand Park + The Music Center's Fourth of July Block Party* –

LOS ANGELES (April 17, 2018) – [The Music Center](#) today announced [Grand Park's](#) 2018 summer season with free programming that offers Angelenos the opportunity to participate in their favorite outdoor activities amidst the beauty of Grand Park. The season kicks off in June with the popular *Grand Park's Bootcamp* series, followed by the return of *Grand Park's Big L.A. Portrait Gallery, Sunday Sessions* and The Music Center's *Dance DTLA**, featuring Dance Downtown and specially curated DJ Nights. Additional highlights of the season include *Grand Park + Outfest Present PROUD Movie Night* and Los Angeles County's tradition of celebrating the Fourth of July as one big community with *Grand Park + The Music Center's Fourth of July Block Party*.

"Grand Park has built a reputation as *the* destination for summer fun in Southern California. For anyone looking for a great workout, a place to spend a Sunday afternoon enjoying music with family and friends, or a night of dancing under the stars, Grand Park offers some of the best, most accessible programming in the county," said Rachel Moore, president and CEO, The Music Center. "A place where Angelenos can experience diverse cultures, support local artists and celebrate holidays along with members of the greater community, Grand Park is now L.A.'s hub for the best free entertainment and arts experiences," she added.

Julia Diamond, interim director of Grand Park, offered, "Summer is a special time at Grand Park, where everyone, including jurors and parents with toddlers in tow, can enjoy all the park has to offer, including many free events that are now Los Angeles traditions. And, with both Los Angeles County's largest free Fourth of July celebration and *Grand Park's Big L.A. Portrait Gallery* as part of our summer season, park goers can discover the talents of L.A.-based artists and musicians, dance to a new beat and experience the arts in a welcoming and open space," she explained.

*Note: *Dance DTLA* will be held this summer entirely in Grand Park as The Music Center Plaza is under renovation.

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Grand Park' summer programming line-up includes:

Grand Park's Bootcamp

Tuesdays: June 5 to September 25, 2018

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Grand Park visitors can explore the entire park and get a free workout at the same time at *Grand Park's Bootcamp*. Open to all and all fitness levels, this free series is a fun way to connect with others, while enjoying a fun and accessible end-of-day workout.

Grand Park's Big LA Portrait Gallery

June 7 to July 4, 2018

Sundown - Midnight

For the second year, Grand Park transforms into a nighttime art gallery featuring photography by L.A.-based artists projected to 100 feet wide by 100 feet high on the south wall of the historic L.A. County Hall of Records. Built by famed architect Richard Neutra, one of his few high-rises, this iconic modernist building serves as the perfect canvas for larger-than-life artwork. Featured images will tell stories and share visions of L.A.'s future as envisioned by some of the county's best photographers. Park goers can enjoy the exhibit over a picnic, view the gallery during their nighttime commute or take in the images during a stroll through the park.

Sunday Sessions

Sundays: June 10, July 15, August 19, September 16, 2018

2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Returning for the 6th summer, *Sunday Sessions* celebrates Los Angeles' contribution to the American-originated, globally embraced art form of House music. Honoring L.A.'s vibrant music scene, creativity and boundary-pushing music-making, Grand Park brings the best House music artists to L.A.'s central gathering place to relive the memories, celebrate the art-makers and connect members of the community with dance and music as a centerpiece. Guests can purchase food from food trucks and cocktails from the bar and enjoy the sounds of summer in a beautiful setting right in the middle of the city. *Sunday Sessions* will take place on the park's Performance Lawn.

The Music Center's Dance DTLA*

Fridays: June 22 to September 7, 2018

Including Dance Downtown, 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., and DJ Nights, 9:00 p.m. – midnight

A summer favorite now in its 14th year, *The Music Center's Dance DTLA* is an evening of dance under the stars on most Friday nights in the summer months, from June – September, 2018. Hosted entirely in Grand Park, the series features *Dance Downtown* (7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.), every other Friday night, where participants can learn new dance moves from a different dance genre at each event. From Salsa to Disco and Bollywood, *Dance Downtown* welcomes anyone who loves to dance and learn some new moves in the heart of Los Angeles' civic center.

Held on alternating Friday nights and curated by influential artists and tastemakers who give voice to Los Angeles' dynamic and vibrant culture through music, dancing, arts and aesthetics, *DJ Nights* (9:00 p.m. – midnight) offer Angelenos the opportunity to dance the night away in Grand Park. Details for each night of the series will be announced in May, 2018. *The Music Center's Dance DTLA* events will be held at various locations throughout Grand Park.

Grand Park + The Music Center's Fourth of July Block Party

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

3:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Grand Park + The Music Center's Fourth of July Block Party returns as the county's largest free July 4th celebration. Featuring picnicking, games, art-making, music, dancing and a stunning fireworks show high above Downtown L.A., *Grand Park + The Music Center's Fourth of July Block Party* is the ultimate summer holiday celebration. The highly popular event offers activities for all ages including soccer, tag, bubble fun and chalk art. Two stages featuring DJs and live musical performances will entertain audiences throughout the celebration. Fireworks begin at 9:00 p.m. from the roof of The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and soar nearly 500 feet, making them visible throughout Downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods. The event offers a multitude of dining options from more than 40 vendors including the return of gourmet food trucks. *Grand Park + The Music Center's Fourth of July Block Party* will encompass the entire park, from Grand Avenue to Spring Street, plus the surrounding streets.

Grand Park + Outfest Present PROUD Picnic + Movie Night

Saturday, September 8, 2018

5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

The Music Center continues its series of intimate events that invite the Los Angeles LGBTQ and ally community to celebrate and connect with each other with *Grand Park + Outfest Present PROUD Picnic + Movie Night*. Developed in collaboration with a coalition of partners and partner organizations to reflect the diverse interests and experiences of the LGBTQ Angeleno community, *Grand Park + Outfest Presents PROUD Picnic + Movie Night* has the park partnering with Outfest for the third year to present a picnic and screening in celebration of fresh and diverse voices in film. A showcase of short films from the Outfest Fusion Festival along with a feature full-length presentation, filmmakers and actors will introduce the films and share insight about their craft. Guests can come early to enjoy an afternoon in the park with the sights, sounds and tastes of the summer including DJs, food trucks and the park's popular splash pad and playground. The screening will be held on Grand Park's Performance Lawn.

For more information about free summer programming at Grand Park and by The Music Center, visit grandparkla.org and musiccenter.org. Follow Grand Park on Facebook ([GrandParkLosAngeles](https://www.facebook.com/GrandParkLosAngeles)), as well as Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat ([@GrandPark_LA](https://www.instagram.com/GrandPark_LA)). Follow The Music Center on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat ([@MusicCenterLA](https://www.instagram.com/MusicCenterLA)).

About Grand Park

A vibrant outdoor gathering place, Grand Park is 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 that engage and attract visitors from all communities. The 12-acre Grand Park stretches from The Music Center 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. Follow Grand Park on Facebook ([GrandParkLosAngeles](https://www.facebook.com/GrandParkLosAngeles)), as well as Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat ([@GrandPark_LA](https://www.instagram.com/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 theaters and four renowned resident companies – Center Theatre Group, the LA Master Chorale, the LA Opera and the LA Philharmonic – The Music Center is recognized for its illustrious dance programming, *Glorya Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center*, and is a destination where audiences find inspiration in the very best of live performance, as well as nationally recognized arts education and participatory arts experiences. With *The Music Center On Location*, the non-profit performing arts organization brings events and activities 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 Follow The Music Center on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat (@MusicCenterLA).

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