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**GRAND PARK'S SPRING PROGRAMMING CELEBRATES L.A.'S DIVERSE CULTURE AND WELCOMES
THE RETURN OF *GRAND PARK'S OUR L.A. VOICES - L.A. ARTS FESTIVAL***

**–Springtime Events Feature Community-Minded Programs and the Park's Signature Experiences Including
*Earth Day LA, Grand Park's Lunch à la Park Concerts, Food Trucks, and Yoga reTREAT–***

LOS ANGELES (January 15, 2019) – The Music Center today announced Grand Park's free spring programming line-up, which features some of the park's signature events along with the return of *Grand Park's Our L.A. Voices - L.A. Arts Festival*, a week-long arts gathering that focuses exclusively on the diverse and powerful artistic talent in Los Angeles County. The park's spring season also includes the fifth annual *Earth Day L.A.*, which offers Angelenos ideas on how to live clean and go green, and *Grand Park's Lunch à la Park* programs, featuring spring concerts by L.A.'s youth artists, food trucks and yoga throughout the spring months.

“Grand Park's spring programming is quintessentially L.A., showcasing the boundless creativity of the county's visionary artists while continuing to offer the experiences that Angelenos enjoy in Grand Park year after year,” said Rachel Moore, president and CEO of The Music Center. “The park is the perfect gathering place to celebrate L.A.'s vibrant cultural scene, connect with our dynamic artistic community and engage with each other through shared thought-provoking experiences.”

Grand Park's Our L.A. Voices - L.A. Arts Festival is a free, three-day performing and visual arts showcase that transforms Grand Park into a home for L.A.'s creative communities. The festival features dance, music and theatre performances, as well as visual artwork, all by L.A.-based artists. Designed to highlight and encompass the best of L.A.'s artist community, *Grand Park's Our L.A. Voices - L.A. Arts Festival* runs Saturday, April 27, 2019 and Sunday, April 28, 2019 with free lunchtime workshops the week leading up to the festival. The workshops will focus on creative practice, as well as the pragmatic side of making art in Los Angeles. While open to all, the workshops require pre-registration.

“The spring season is a time of renewal, and Grand Park is the perfect place to shed the winter blues and celebrate our county's unrivaled creative community,” said Julia Diamond, Grand Park's interim director. “Whether it's Grand Park's annual *Our L.A. Voices* festival, a lunchtime concert by one of the area's many talented youth ensembles, or a noontime yoga session, Grand Park offers Angelenos a myriad of ways to refresh and reconnect during this time of rejuvenation and discovery.

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Grand Park's Spring Programming line-up includes:

Grand Park's Lunch à la Park Spring Concerts featuring L.A.'s Youth Artists

Thursdays, April – 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 – San Gabriel Valley, and *The Music Center's Spotlight Program*.

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

Saturday, April 27, 2019 and Sunday, April 28, 2019; 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Grand Park's week-long spring arts experience, *Grand Park's Our L.A. Voices – L.A. Arts Festival*, is a regional 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, two-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. The festival's 2019 theme, *Origin Stories*, explores and showcases distinctly Los Angeles narratives and questions about where we are, how we got here and where we are going.

Monday, April 22, 2019 - Friday, April 26, 2019

As part of ***Grand Park's Our LA Voices – L.A. Arts Festival***, Grand Park will offer free workshops on creative practice, as well as the pragmatic side of making art in L.A. Topics range from street dance activism and acting, to intellectual property and copyright protection, marketing, entrepreneurship skills and fundraising. These workshops are open to all and require pre-registration.

Returning Grand Park Favorites

Grand Park Lunch à la Park Food Trucks

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, March – May 2019; 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 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.

Grand Park Lunch à la Park Yoga reTREAT

Wednesdays and Fridays, March – May, 2019; 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.

Earth Day LA

Thursday, April 11, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Grand Park joins The Music Center and the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power to celebrate Earth Day and offer Downtown L.A.'s residents, workers and visitors ideas and solutions on how to live clean and go green. The annual event features performances, children's recycle art project, e-waste collection, drought tolerant plant 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).

For more information about free spring programming at Grand Park, 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 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 convenes artists, communities and ideas with the goal of deepening the cultural lives of every resident in Los Angeles County. The non-profit performing arts organization has two divisions: *The Music Center Ops*, which manages The Music Center's four theatres, an outdoor plaza and Grand Park on behalf of the County of Los Angeles; and *The Music Center Arts*, which curates a world-class dance series, *Glorya Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center*; produces and presents programming in other arts genres with a focus on engagement; and presents nationally recognized arts education programs. The Music Center is also home to four renowned resident companies – Center Theatre Group, the LA Master Chorale, the LA Opera and the LA Philharmonic. 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, and follow [@MusicCenterLA](https://www.instagram.com/MusicCenterLA) on Instagram and Twitter.

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