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***Free Family-friendly Arts & Culture Entertainment Excites Jersey City all Summer long***

***Summer in the City 2019 Concert Series Kicks Off with Music, Dance and Movies in Parks Citywide***

JERSEY CITY – As Jersey City continues to emerge as a leader in the arts – both visual and performing – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** is pleased to announce the return of this year’s 2019 Summer in the City Concert Series, a successful citywide campaign bringing live music, films, dance, and performances to park locations across the City for all residents to enjoy free of cost.

“Jersey City is a dynamic, ever-growing arts scene, and summer is a time where we are able to showcase all we have to offer – the arts, the culture, the many talented people who make up this great City,” said Mayor Fulop. “These Summer in the City programs provide free entertainment in every Ward nearly every day of the week.”

**Summer Dance** underscores the talented art organizations that are the spirit of the city. Every Wednesday in July, J. Owen Grundy Pier is the home of Summer Dance, with weekly performances by a handful of select, grassroots Jersey City dance companies.

In close partnership with Friends of Liberty State Park, **SummerFest** is a long-standing, homegrown concert series that takes place every Tuesday (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.) and Sunday (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.) in Liberty State Park during the months of July and August. Part of the larger **Summer in the City** series, the Office of Cultural Affairs hand-selects musical groups and artists ranging in flavor, from Motown, Jazz, Blues, Vintage and Classic Rock, Country, Cuban Dance, Funk and R&B.

Following suit, The **Berry Lane Park Concert Series**, in partnership with Friends of Berry Lane Park, aims to enrich this community park with a variety of music acts all summer long. Music sourced for this series promises to get spectators up and off their feet: from Neo Soul to Haitian, to Roots Blues and Reggae – the Berry Lane Park Concert Series brings a fresh perspective to traditional cultural song and dance. For all outdoor music concerts and film screenings, residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for comfortable viewing... and don’t forget your dancing shoes!

“We are a diverse City, with various interests in music and dance,” said **Christine Goodman, Director of Cultural Affairs**. “To be able to highlight so many talented artists by providing free entertainment to residents and visitors is, in my opinion, a win-win for all.”

All media inquiries should be directed to Kimberly Scalcione at [kscalcione@jcnj.org](mailto:kscalcione@jcnj.org) or 201-376-0699. For a full list of events, or real-time updates regarding weather cancellations, please contact the Office of Cultural Affairs at [CulturalAffairs@jcnj.org](mailto:CulturalAffairs@jcnj.org) or visit [jerseycityculture.org](http://jerseycityculture.org).

## **FULL EVENT SCHEDULES:**

### **SummerFest Tuesdays in 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Liberty State Park (Parking at 200 Morris Pesin Drive, South Overlook Lawn, is FREE)**

- Tuesday, July 16 – Richard Reiter Swing Band (Swing, Classic Rock)
- Tuesday, July 23 – Erich Cawalla & The Uptown Band (Contemporary R&B, Swing Jazz)
- Tuesday, July 30 – The Moonlighters Orchestra (Big Band)
- Tuesday, August 13 – Eliza Neals (Blues, Rock)
- Tuesday, August 20 – David Cedano (Salsa)

### **SummerFest Sundays in Liberty State Park – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Parking at 1 Audrey Zapp Drive, North Cove Field, is FREE)**

- Sunday, July 21 – HONK NYC presents Hungry March Band (Brass, Punk Rock, Traditional)
- Sunday, July 28 – 3D Rhythm Of Life (Latin, Tropical, Soul)
- Sunday, August 4 – Spirit Of Life Ensemble (Jazz, Afro Cuban, Brazilian)
- Sunday, August 11 – Demolition Brass Band (New Orleans Style)
- Sunday, August 18 – Winard Harper (Jazz)

### **Berry Lane Park Concert Series in Berry Lane Park – Thursdays – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

- Thursday, July 18 – Byron Stingily (House Music Pioneer, Soulful House)
- Thursday, July 25 – James “Biscuit” Rouse (Jazzy Soul, Funk)
- Thursday, August 1 – Carmen Rodgers + Zo! (Neo Soul)
- Thursday, August 8 – Paul Beaubrun (Haitian, Roots Blues)
- Thursday, August 15 – Jimmy Cozier and Friends (R&B, Reggae, Blues)
- Thursday, August 22 – JChosen (R&B, Soul, Pop)
- Thursday, August 29 – Valarie Adams & The Dimension Band (Motown, Soul, Funk)

### **Movies in the Park – locations citywide – show starts at sunset**

#### **First 200 viewers will receive free popcorn!**

- Friday, June 21 – Bayside Park – Despicable Me 3
- Tuesday, June 25 – Thomas McGovern Park – Smallfoot
- Wednesday, June 26 – City Hall Plaza – Splash
- Friday, June 28 – Leonard Gordon Park – Back to the Future
- Tuesday, July 9 – Riverview Fisk Park – Goonies
- Friday, July 12 – Columbia Park – Incredibles 2
- Tuesday, July 16 – Audubon Park – The Secret Life of Pets
- Friday, July 19 – Berry Lane Park – Black Panther
- Tuesday, July 23 – Ercel Webb Park – Ghostbusters (1984)
- Friday, July 26 – Pershing Field Park – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Tuesday, July 30 – Arlington Park – Black Panther
- Friday, August 2 – Hamilton Park – Moana
- Friday, August 9 – J. Owen Grundy Pier – Disney’s Christopher Robin
- Tuesday, August 13 – Sgt. Anthony Park – Incredibles 2
- Friday, August 16 – Boyd McGuinness Park – A Wrinkle in Time
- Tuesday, August 20 – Triangle Park – The Karate Kid (1984)
- Friday, August 23 – Village Park – E.T.
- Friday, August 30 – Harsimus Cemetery – Labyrinth

### **Summer Dance – J. Owen Grundy Pier – Wednesdays in July – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Located near Exchange Place PATH and Light Rail stations)**

- Wednesday, July 17 – Nimbus Dance
- Wednesday, July 24 – Kennedy Dancers
- Wednesday, July 31 – Ariel Rivka Dance Company