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Mayor Fulop Announces Flo Rida to Headline Jersey City’s Fourth of July Festival and Concert!

Special Guest DJs Shaquille O’Neal and Funk Flex

Jersey City July 4th Celebration Draws Crowds of 150k with A-list Concerts and NJ’s Largest Fireworks Display Overlooking Hudson Skyline

JERSEY CITY - Mayor Steven M. Fulop, the Jersey City Municipal Council, and the Office of Cultural Affairs join Exchange Place Alliance to announce Flo Rida as this year’s headliner for Jersey City’s Fourth of July celebration! Shaquille O’Neal aka DJ Diesel and Funk Flex will each DJ their own sets prior to Flo Rida taking the stage.

Jersey City’s Independence Day celebration has become a premier daylong event, attracting A-list talent since Mayor Fulop resurrected the event and grew it into one of the largest July 4th festivals in the region, drawing crowds of 150,000 people from all over the tristate area.

“Jersey City has transformed over our term to be one of the best renaissance stories in the country, and we strive to deliver the best product in everything we do with July 4th being another example,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “Jersey City residents deserve the best, and we have taken the opportunity to deliver a free day of fun for families that may not have the means to pay for these types of events.”



In recent years, Jersey City’s July fourth festivals have attracted crowds of nearly 150,000 people, with [superstar talent headlining](#) the music festival on stage, including the Village People (2016), Jersey City’s own Kool and the Gang (2017), Snoop Dogg (2018), Pitbull (2019), and local native Akon (2018 & 2019).



“We are excited to host this annual event on our waterfront to celebrate such an important day in our nation’s history by bringing the community together for fun, food, and entertainment,” said **Elizabeth Cain, Executive Director of the Exchange Place Alliance**. “Thank you to DEG Presents for helping us bring such talented artists to the stage for a memorable concert that will keep people on their feet dancing all night long.”

Following the world-class music performances live from the stage, fireworks will illuminate the Jersey City sky with the unparalleled backdrop of the Manhattan skyline. Jersey City’s fireworks - conducted by Guinness

World Record holder, **Fireworks by Grucci** - will be launching from two barges located in the middle of the Hudson River with a large viewing area this year. Spectators can watch the fireworks show along the Hudson River Walkway, from the north field at Liberty State Park, and most overlook areas in The Heights.

Fireworks by Grucci is a sixth-generation, family-owned and operated fireworks company that has developed a prominent reputation, having performed at eight U.S. Presidential Inaugurations, Olympic Games, World’s Fairs, and earning the Guinness World Record for “largest fireworks display” ever recorded.

While there are no longer limits for outdoor gatherings, residents and visitors are invited to watch the fireworks along the waterfront while maintaining all safety protocols necessary.

For more information on the event, transportation, directions, and what to bring, please visit www.jcnj.org. Anyone attending the event is strongly encouraged to arrive by foot, bike, or public transportation, as parking will be extremely limited. Roads surrounding Montgomery Street will be closed for the duration of the event. Bike JC will also host a free bicycle valet at Exchange Place.

ALL MEDIA PLANNING TO ATTEND MUST RSVP TO KIMBERLY SCALCIONE AT KSCALCIONE@JCNJ.ORG NO LATER THAN 5 PM ON THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022.