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GRAND PARK IS THE PLACE TO SPEND A SPECTACULAR LOS ANGELES SUMMER

– Mega Fourth of July Celebration Returns and Will Surround Grand Park with Fireworks Shot Off from Multiple Downtown LA Buildings –

LOS ANGELES (May 27, 2015) – With many ways to enjoy the summer of 2015, all for free, [The Music Center's](#) programming line-up for [Grand Park](#) makes it easy for Angelenos to embrace the park as one of their favorite summer destinations. From the tens of thousands who enjoy Grand Park's 4th of July Block Party, to the families who cool off in the splash pad or climb in the park's treehouse, Grand Park offers something for everyone. This summer will not only see an expanded July 4th event and the return of Grand Park's Sunday Sessions, but the launch of Grand Park's PROUD series, distinctive family-friendly events designed especially for the many interests and diversity of the LGBTQ community.

According to Howard Sherman, interim president and CEO of The Music Center, Grand Park's growing numbers are not only testament to the range of activities that appeal to the many communities in Los Angeles County, but a statement about the park as a beautiful, green space in the civic center. "With nearly 400,000 people attending our events, performances and activities over the past two and one-half years, Grand Park is coming into its own as a special place where each of us can enjoy a quiet moment or an engaging performance," Sherman said.

Lucas Rivera, director of Grand Park, echoed Sherman's sentiments, "A visit to Grand Park is an extraordinary experience, and summer is the time when the park truly shines," Rivera offered. "Whether you join us as we take over the city streets for the Fourth of July, dance with family and friends during Sunday Sessions, or grab lunch by the fountain, a visit to Grand Park is a great way to celebrate the beauty and excitement of summer in LA."

Grand Park's summer programming line-up in chronological order includes:

Grand Park's 4th of July Block Party

Friday, July 4, 2015

3:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

At Grand Park's 4th of July Block Party, Los Angeles comes together to salute America's independence, LA style. Now in its third year, the event will be spread over eight city blocks, from Temple Street to Second Street and from Grand Avenue to Main Street, and will offer Angelenos the chance to take over the civic center with music, art, dancing, food, family, friends and fireworks. Grand Park's green spaces will be transformed into giant picnic areas, and stages inside the park and on adjacent city streets will feature LA-based musical artists playing feel good, get-up-and-dance music. July 4th celebrants will also enjoy small pop-up stages with performances and classes by jump-ropers, DJs and more along with the treats and sweets of summer, from tacos and barbecue to burgers and ice cream. The celebration will culminate with fireworks over Downtown LA shot from multiple locations and set to iconic American music.

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Grand Park's Sunday Sessions

Sundays: July 26 | August 16 | September 20

1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Little kids, teens and grown-ups alike will find Grand Park's Sunday Sessions a fun way to spend a summer afternoon. Featuring the soaring sounds and beats of a best-of-LA line-up of DJs, Grand Park's Sunday Sessions present the best of the Southern California dance music community. Guests can purchase food from food trucks and enjoy the sounds of summer in a beautiful setting right in the middle of the city.

Jose Hernandez' Mariachi Nationals Ensemble Performance Hosted by Grand Park

Friday, August 7, 2015

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Grand Park will host a concert featuring some of the top mariachi youth performers from the third annual José Hernández' Mariachi Nationals and Summer Institute, which is being held in Los Angeles in August. Grammy-nominated José Hernández originally established the José Hernández' Mariachi Nationals and Summer Institute to provide a forum for young people to explore mariachi music and experience its value to the development of their minds and hearts. This event will showcase the growing popularity of the mariachi genre. Grand Park guests are invited to bring a picnic and enjoy the concert on the lawn during a warm August evening.

Adult Wind Symphony Concert Hosted by Grand Park

Saturday, August 8, 2015

6:00 p.m.

The Colburn Adult Wind Symphony, established in June 2013, is a 50-piece ensemble comprising adult musicians from the Los Angeles community. As part of the Adult Studies continuing education program at the Colburn School, the Adult Wind Symphony performs traditional and contemporary works for wind ensemble in outdoor settings across the city. The group is led by Dennis Zeisler, director of bands at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA. This year, the 47th International Horn Symposium will be held at the Colburn School from August 2-8, 2015. In the culminating performance, prominent horn soloists and ensembles will appear in concert with the Adult Wind Symphony at Grand Park. The concert will be emceed by Brian Lauritzen, producer and host at Classical KUSC.

Grand Park's The Big PROUD Picnic

Saturday, August 22, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

With Grand Park's The Big PROUD Picnic, The Music Center launches a series of intimate events that invite the Los Angeles LGBTQ community to celebrate and connect with each other. These events will be developed in collaboration with a coalition of partners and partner organizations to reflect the diverse interests and experiences of the LGBTQ Angeleno community. As the first in the series, Grand Park's PROUD Play 'N Picnic will offer families and kids a safe, enjoyable place where all know they are welcome. Grand Park guests will enjoy the park's unique custom-designed playground along with games and music to make the day a special one.

GRAND PARK FAVORITES

Grand Park's Bootcamp

Tuesdays: July 7-September 1

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

All summer long, Grand Park visitors can explore the entire park and get a free workout at the same time at Grand Park's Bootcamp, presented by Grand Park in partnership with Operation Bootcamp. Open to all and all fitness levels, this free series is a fun way to connect with others and open to all, making an end-of-day workout accessible and fun.

Lunch Á la Park

Wednesdays and Thursdays

Lunch trucks on Olive Court (between Grand Avenue and Hill Street) & the Marketplace (between Spring Street and Broadway) from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Grand Park spices up the lunch options on Bunker Hill by providing downtowners and park visitors a range of food trucks two days a week. Trucks are parked in two locations in the park: on Olive Court, between Grand Avenue and Hill Street, and in the Marketplace, between Broadway and Spring Street.

Grand Park’s Places and Play Spaces

Every day during park hours, 5:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

With something for everyone, Grand Park offers a place to enjoy the simple pleasures of the summer. Visitors can read a book under a shady tree, with free books offered at Grand Park’s Little Libraries; cool off in the fountain splash pad; play with the kids in the park’s uniquely designed playground; exercise on the park’s two walking paths; or let the dog enjoy a dedicated dog run.

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 <http://grandparkla.org>

About The Music Center

The Music Center is LA’s 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 – and recognized for its illustrious dance programming, Glorja Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center, The Music Center 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. For more information, visit <http://www.musiccenter.org/>

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