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GRAND PARK IS L.A.'S CENTRAL DESTINATION FOR FREE SUMMER FUN

– Angelenos Can Bliss Out during Lunchtime Yoga, Learn New Dance Moves on Friday Nights, Enjoy House Music Day Parties and the Annual *Grand Park + The Music Center's 4th of July Block Party* –

LOS ANGELES (May 13, 2019) – Hot fun in the summertime begins in June as [The Music Center](#) today announced [Grand Park's](#) 2019 summer season of free outdoor activities and events offered throughout the 12-acre “park for everyone.” The free fun kicks off with returning favorites, including The Music Center’s popular [Dance DTLA](#) on Friday nights and local House music concerts during *Grand Park Sunday Sessions*, plus the annual *Grand Park + Outfest Present PROUD Movie Night*. Extended as a year-round activity in Grand Park, *Lunch À La Park Yoga reTREAT* finds its energy on Wednesdays and Fridays while some of L.A.’s favorite food trucks visit the Park every Tuesday–Thursday weekly. The centerpiece of Grand Park’s summer activities is *Grand Park + The Music Center's 4th of July Block Party*, Los Angeles County’s tradition of celebrating the nation’s independence as one big community.

“Since its official opening in 2012, Grand Park has become the go-to place for the many communities in Los Angeles County to gather together, dance, relax and experience L.A.’s cultural diversity in a beautiful outdoor, urban oasis,” said Rachel Moore, president and CEO, The Music Center. “Couple that with Grand Park’s programs and four city blocks hosting fine talent and activities from morning to night, every day of the week.”

“Demand for Grand Park’s programs continues to build as more Angelenos make it a favorite summer destination. We’re particularly excited to announce that the Park’s free lunchtime yoga program will now be year-round,” continued Julia Diamond, interim director of Grand Park. “At the same time, Los Angeles County’s largest free Fourth of July celebration keeps getting bigger and better with a new expanded foot print and the addition of a 75-foot Ferris wheel offering thrill seekers the chance to enjoy the spectacular views of Downtown L.A.”

Grand Park’ summer line-up includes:

Lunch À La Park Food Trucks

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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 park 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, and in the Marketplace, between Broadway and Spring Street.

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Lunch À La Park Yoga reTREAT

Wednesdays and Fridays

12:15 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

There's something new to look forward to at lunchtime this summer in downtown: Grand Park's popular yoga sessions are now year-round! Led by L.A.'s best yogis in Grand Park, participants have the opportunity to relax, rejuvenate and re-energize all summer-long. ***Lunch À La Park Yoga reTREAT*** will take place on the park's Performance Lawn, just north of Hill Street.

The Music Center's Dance DTLA

Fridays: June 21–August 30, 2019

7:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.

A summer favorite now in its 15th year, *The Music Center's Dance DTLA* is an evening of dancing the night away in iconic places and spaces downtown on Friday nights this summer from June–August, 2019. Hosted primarily in Grand Park with events occurring at The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall along with special nights on the soon-to-be-opened Music Center Plaza, *Dance DTLA* empowers participants to learn new dance moves from a different dance genre at each event. The Music Center will add three new dance styles this year, including Bachata, Hip-hop and Funk. *Dance DTLA* welcomes anyone who loves to dance and learn some new moves in the heart of Los Angeles' civic center. The Friday night dance schedule and locations can be found at musiccenter.org/dancedtla.

Grand Park's Sunday Sessions

Sundays: June 23, July 21, August 18 and September 22, 2019

2:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Returning for the seventh summer, *Grand Park's Sunday Sessions* celebrates Los Angeles' contribution to the American-originated, yet 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 (21+) 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, just north of Hill Street.

Grand Park + The Music Center's 4th of July Block Party

Thursday, July 4, 2019

3:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

Grand Park + The Music Center's 4th of July Block Party returns as Los Angeles County's largest free July 4th celebration. Featuring picnicking, music, dancing and a stunning firework show high above Downtown L.A., *Grand Park + The Music Center's 4th of July Block Party* is the ultimate summer holiday celebration. This year, for the first-time, the event will feature a 75-ft Ferris wheel for attendees to ride (paid tickets required). The event will feature two stages with DJs and live musical performances entertaining audiences throughout the celebration. Fireworks begin at 9:00 p.m., soaring from the roof of The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion nearly 500 feet high, 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 4th 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 14, 2019

5:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

The Music Center continues its series of intimate events that invite the Los Angeles LGBTQ and ally community

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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 fourth 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, just north of Hill Street.

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), as well as Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat (@GrandPark_LA). The Music Center on Facebook, and follow @MusicCenterLA on Instagram and Twitter.

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), as well as Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat (@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 Arts (TMC Arts) and The Music Center Operations (TMC Ops). TMC Arts, The Music Center's programming engine, provides year-round programming inside The Music Center's four theatres, on The Music Center Plaza, outside at Grand Park—a 12-acre adjacent green space—and in schools and other locations all over Los Angeles County. TMC Arts presents world-class dance with *Gloria Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center*, free and low-cost public concerts and events, as well as K–12 arts education programs. TMC Ops manages the theatres, the plaza and Grand Park on behalf of the County of Los Angeles. The Music Center is also home to four renowned resident companies—Center Theatre Group, Los Angeles Master Chorale, LA Opera and LA Phil. For more information, visit musiccenter.org. Follow The Music Center on Facebook, and follow @MusicCenterLA on Instagram and Twitter.

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