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NEW YEAR'S EVE CALENDAR ADVISORY

Tuesday, December 31, 2019, 8:00 p.m. (gates open)-1:00 a.m. on January 1, 2020

SEVENTH ANNUAL GRAND PARK + THE MUSIC CENTER'S N.Y.E.L.A. TO CELEBRATE "WHO IS L.A. 2020?" REFLECTING THE INTERSECTION OF SOUNDS, IDEAS AND COMMUNITY

West Coast's Flagship New Year's Eve Event Expands Its Footprint to Seven City Blocks Plus The Music Center Plaza Featuring More Than 40 Food Trucks, One-of-Kind 3-D Video Projection Countdown to Midnight and Two Stages of Continuous Free Music Performances

Leimert Park's Pan Afrikan Peoples Arkestra to Headline the "Countdown Stage" as Cherry Poppin and Gasolina DJs Spin Tunes from the "Get Down Stage" for an All-Night Dance Party

WHAT: More than 50,000 people are expected to ring in 2020 at the seventh annual <u>Grand Park + The Music Center's N.Y.E.L.A.</u>, Los Angeles's go-to central gathering place and the West Coast's flagship New Year's celebration! Free for all ages, this unique civic event brings together Angelenos and visitors from around the globe to greet the new decade at L.A.'s biggest free music and dance party. The alcohol-free, family-friendly event will expand its celebratory footprint, which will now span seven city blocks from L.A.'s iconic City Hall through the newly renovated Music Center Plaza (from Los Angeles Street to Hope Street and from Temple to 3rd Street). Starring L.A.'s best DJs and bands, *Grand Park + The Music Center's N.Y.E.L.A.* will also feature its signature 3-D video projection and light show on the west side of City Hall designed by L.A.-based digital innovation studio **yU+co**. This year's theme is "Who is L.A. 2020?" and will feature joyful and timeless images of the beautiful Angeleno community.

The event features two stages of simultaneous performances. Pan Afrikan Peoples Arkestra (Leimert Park's legendary Afro-beat jazz band) headlines the "Countdown Stage" (located near Spring Street) and also features DJ Pauli "The PSM" (Drummer with the Gorillaz), Thee Sinseers (East L.A.'s R&B), and Banda Las Angelinas (Compton's all-female banda group) between 8:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m., emceed by Emmyaward winning TV host Pili Montilla. The sights and sounds of the "Countdown Stage" will be broadcast live on The Music Center Plaza's giant LED screens. ASL interpretation will be available on the "Countdown Stage" throughout the party.

Purveyors of two of Los Angeles' popular dance nights, <u>Gasolina</u> (featuring DJ Chava and DJ Krucial) and <u>Cherry Poppin'</u> (featuring DJ Rell and DJ Bonds hosted by KG Superstar), will bring their sounds to Grand Park, celebrating a vital part of L.A.'s nightlife scene through Reggaetón and Hip Hop on the park's "Get Down Stage" (located near Hill Street).

Various culinary delights will be available for purchase on site ranging from sweet to savory. Organized into Metro Line "villages," more than 40 food trucks will serve multicultural fare representing the many communities found along the Blue, Red, Purple, Green, Gold and Expo Lines. Party-goers will also enjoy a 3D-animated countdown to midnight with pyrotechnics to ring in the New Year!

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WHEN: Tuesday, December 31, 2019, 8:00 p.m. (gates open)–1:00 a.m. on January 1, 2020

WHERE: Grand Park and The Music Center Plaza: from Hope Street to Los Angeles Street and from

Temple Street to 3rd Street

TO ATTEND: The event is free and open to all ages. No outside alcohol is permitted. Food and

beverages will be available for purchase at all locations. Please click <u>here</u> for a list of prohibited items at Grand Park and <u>here</u> for a list of prohibited items on The Music Center

Plaza.

MORE INFO: Visit grandparkla.org/nyela or musiccenter.org/nyela

SCHEDULE: (All artists and set times subject to change.)

Countdown Stage (Grand Park's Event Lawn in front of City Hall):

8:00–8:30 p.m. DJ Pauli The PSM
8:30–9:15 p.m. Banda Las Angelinas
9:15–9:45 p.m. DJ Pauli The PSM
9:45–10:15 p.m. Thee Sinseers
10:15–11:00 p.m. DJ Pauli The PSM

11:00–11:50 p.m. Pan Afrikan Peoples Arkestra

11:55 p.m.-12:01 a.m. Interactive Countdown to 2020 with 3-D digital video mapping on City Hall

12:01 –12:30 a.m. Pan Afrikan Peoples Arkestra

12:30–1:00 a.m. DJ Pauli The PSM

Get Down Stage (Grand Park's Performance Lawn between Grand Avenue and Hill Street):

8:00–10:30 p.m. Cherry Poppin featuring DJ Rell and DJ Bonds hosted by KG Superstar

10:30 p.m.–1:00 a.m. Gasolina featuring DJ Chava and DJ Krucial

FOUR ENTRANCES INTO THE EVENT

- Hill Street and Temple Street
- 1st Street and Main Street
- 3rd Street and Broadway
- 1st Street and Olive Street

SECURITY:

Safety at this event is the number one priority. All patrons who attend will be subject to mandatory bag
checks and metal detector wands. Guests are asked to plan ahead, arrive early to avoid lines that may be
longer than usual, and allow extra time to enter the event.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

- Metro Access: Visitors to Grand Park can travel via the Metro Red/Purple Lines to Civic Center/Park station (use the 1st Street exit; the Temple Street exit is open only for ADA/elevator access. ADA guests are subject to security check upon using the elevator), or via the Gold Line to Union Station (a 7-12-minute walk toward City Hall). Metro users are encouraged to load their TAP card with round trip fare in advance, either online or on their way in to the station, in order to bypass the TAP vending machine lines later in the evening. Metro service runs 24 hours on New Year's Eve with free fares from 9:00 p.m. on December 31, 2019 to 2:00 a.m. on January 1, 2020. Details on metro.net.
- **Bicycle/Scooter Parking:** L.A. County's Bicycle Coalition's bike valet will be available on the intersection of 2nd Street and Hill Street.
- Parking Information: Please see this link for a detailed interactive parking map: https://bit.ly/2qIVXiO

EVENT FACTS & POLICIES

- Getting Through Bag Check: All bags will be checked upon entry to the event space.
- **Beverage Policy:** Alcohol will not be sold onsite, and there will be a no tolerance policy for any alcohol brought to the event. All bags will be checked upon entry. Free water fountains are available, plus food and non-alcoholic beverages will be sold at the event.
- **The Following is Prohibited:** Public intoxication, rollerblading, skateboarding, smoking, vaping, unauthorized vending, unleashed animals, smart boarding, outside solicitation, staking objects to ground, drone operation, amplified noise and bicycles/scooters (may be parked outside of event at 2nd and Hill Streets).
- **Prohibited Items:** Bags and backpacks measuring larger than standard backpack size (16.75 inches x 13 inches x 8.5 inches), coolers, chairs, outside alcoholic beverages, sealed or open beverage bottles with liquid including water (fountains and water for purchase will be available), selfie sticks, glass, smartboards, projection devices, narcotics, tents, firecrackers, explosives, sparklers, lighters, matches, smoking paraphernalia, firearms/weapons, identity-covering costumes, confetti cannons, generators, drones, printed signage measuring larger than 8.5 inches by x 11 inches, props, flag poles, handheld umbrellas and sticks.
- **Items Allowed:** Snacks, food, sealed juice boxes, small bags, strollers and empty reusable non-glass water containers.
- **Pets:** All pets must be on a leash at all times. Pet owners should be mindful if a pet is sensitive to loud noises and crowds. The park's off-leash dog park will be closed from December 30, 2019 at 10:00 p.m. until January 1, 2020 at 6:00 a.m.
- **Grand Park Pre-Event Closure:** The park will close on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 10:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2019.
- Street and Sidewalk Closures: Streets will reopen ASAP. Times listed are the very latest possible.

Street Closures

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	December 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	January 1, 2020
GRAND AVE (btw TEMPLE/1ST)	Open	2:00 p.m.: Full Closure	6:00 a.m.: all lanes open
HILL ST (btw TEMPLE/2ND)	7:00 p.m.: full closure	full closure continues	6:00 a.m.: all lanes open
BROADWAY (btw TEMPLE/2ND)	7:00 p.m.: full closure	full closure continues	6:00 a.m.: all lanes open
BROADWAY (btw 2ND/3RD ST)	7:00 p.m.: full closure	full closure continues	3:00 a.m.: all lanes open
SPRING ST (btw TEMPLE/1ST)	8:00 a.m.: full closure	full closure continues	6:00 a.m.: all lanes open
SPRING ST (btw 1ST/2ND)	7:00 p.m.: full closure	full closure continues	6:00 a.m.: all lanes open
OLIVE ST (btw 1ST/2ND)	open	3:00 p.m. full closure	3:00 a.m.: all lanes open
1ST ST (btw GRAND / MAIN)	7:00 p.m.: full closure	full closure continues	6:00 a.m.: all lanes open
2ST ST (btw HILL/SPRING)	open	Midnight: Full day closure	3:00 a.m.: all lanes open

Sidewalk Closures

1ST ST NORTH SIDE			
(btw SPRING/BROADWAY)	7:00 p.m.: full closure	full closure continues	3:00 a.m.: sidewalk reopens
SPRING ST WEST SIDE			
(btw 1ST ST/TEMPLE)	8:00 a.m.: full closure	full closure continues	3:00 a.m.: sidewalk reopens