

SummerStage Schedule 2008

[SummerStage](#) is the brilliantly eclectic performance festival that presents music, dance, readings, films and comedy from all around the globe. Presented every summer by the [Parks Foundation](#) SummerStage fully embodies the spirit of New York City's cultural diversity and artistic inspiration. It is the perfect venue for enjoying a summer evening in the world's greatest park.

SummerStage is an outdoor venue, located at Rumsey Playfield, on East 72nd Street off Fifth Avenue. The closest subway is the 6 train to 68th Street. You can enter the park on 69th Street and 5th Avenue. Gates for all free programs open 60 minutes prior to performances. At Benefit concerts, gates open 90 minutes prior to scheduled starting times. All performances, with the exception of benefits, are free and seating is on a first come first serve basis.

All SummerStage shows go on RAIN OR SHINE and are only cancelled in the event of dangerous lightning during a performance. Schedule of events and performers are subject to change without notice.

Things NOT To Bring

Please do not bring alcoholic beverages, glass, bottles, coolers, pets, bicycles, rollerblades, folding chairs, beach umbrellas, video cameras or tape recorders. No professional camera gear, telephoto lenses, or flash photography is allowed. All bags are subject to search.

Concessions are open inside the venue, including beer & wine and water. There are also hotdogs, fries and other food offerings available.

Friday, June 13, 2008 | 7 - 10 p.m.

Mavis Staples
Stephanie McKay
Opening Night 2008

Saturday, June 14, 2008 | 4-8 p.m.

Vampire Weekend
Kid Sister

Sunday, June 15, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.

Victor Manuelle and Special Guests

Friday, June 20, 2008 | 8-10 p.m.

Comedy Central Park
Featuring: Stephen Lynch and Mike Birbiglia, hosted by Julian McCullough
The 2nd Annual evening of comedy and music presented in association with Comedy Central.

Saturday, June 21, 2008 | 7:30-10 p.m.

Definitely Poetry
Featuring: Kokayi, Lemon, La Bruja, Will Power, JLove Calderon
A special evening of live music and poetry.

Sunday, June 22, 2008 | 7-10 p.m.

Yael Naim
David Donatien
Piers Faccini

Thursday, June 26, 2008 | 6-10 p.m.

Thievery Corporation (live) with Seu Jorge

with Special Guests Bebel Gilberto & Federico Aubele

A benefit concert for Central Park SummerStage presented by Live Nation.

[Benefit Ticket Information](#)

Saturday, June 28, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.

Vieux Farka Toure
Fallou Dieng
Kaleta & ZoZo Afrobeat
Dj Sirak

Sunday, June 29, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.

Mosh Ben Ari
Rupa and The April Fishes
Y-Love
DJ Diwon

Saturday, July 05, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.

Rachid Taha
Dengue Fever
Apollo Heights

Sunday, July 6, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.

Seun Kuti and Egypt 80
Afrika Bambaataa
Love Trio with U-Roy

Wednesday, July 9, 2008 | 7-10 p.m.

Music & Film
La Lupe Queen of Latin Soul, directed by Ela Troyano
Bragging Rights: Stickball Stories, directed by Sonia N. Gonzalez
Cucu Diamantes

Thursday, July 10, 2008 | 7-10 p.m.

Music & Film
The Harder they Come, directed by Perry Henzell
I-Wayne

Friday, July 11, 2008 | 8-10 p.m.

Rennie Harris / Pure Movement
Francesca Harper Project

Saturday, July 12, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.

Julieta Venegas
Plastilina Mosh
DJ Bitman

Sunday, July 13, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.

Global Family Day!
Big Nazo
Baby Loves Salsa, featuring Jose Conde
Cinderella Samba

Thursday, July 17, 2008 | 7-10 p.m.

Junot Diaz

Friday, July 18, 2008 | 7-10 p.m.

Video Music Box 25th Anniversary Concert

Saturday, July 19, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.

Gospel Day

Donald Lawrence
Hezekiah Walker
Dave Holister

Sunday, July 20, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.

Santogold
Diplo
Plastic Little
A-Trak
Kid Cudi

Wednesday, July 23, 2008 | 7-10 p.m.

Mark Knopfler

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Saturday, July 26, 2008 | 8-10 p.m.

Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company
PeepDance

Sunday, July 27, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.

Taj Majal
Skatalites
Los Pinguos

A special concert in association with Putumayo World Music in celebration of their 15th Anniversary.

Tuesday, July 29, 2008 | 7-10 p.m.

Crosby, Stills & Nash

A benefit concert for Central Park SummerStage produced by Live Nation.

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Thursday, July 31, 2008 | 7-10 p.m.

Richard Price
Charles Bock

Friday, August 1, 2008 | 8-10 p.m.

DanceBrazil
Max Pollak and RumbaTap

Saturday, August 2, 2008 | 7-10 p.m.

Roy Hargrove Big Band
and Special Guests

Sunday, August 3, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.

Janelle Monae
Little Jackie
Jose James
Gilles Peterson

Presented in association with Giant Step.

Wednesday, August 6, 2008 | 8-10 p.m.

Sonny Rollins

A benefit concert for Central Park SummerStage produced by Bowery Presents.

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Friday, August 8, 2008 | 8-10 p.m.
Jennifer Muller / The Works
Erica Essner Performance Co-Op

Saturday, August 9, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.
Mexican Heritage Day
Kinky
Alejandro Escovedo with Strings
Pistolera

Sunday, August 10, 2008 | 7-10 p.m.
CineFest Brasil
The House of Tom - Mundo, Monde, Mondo, directed by Ana Jobin
Maria Rita

Thursday, August 14, 2008 | 7-10 p.m.
Los Lonely Boys
Los Lobos

Friday, August 15, 2008 | 7-10 p.m.
Bajofondo
Osunlade & The Yoruba Soul Orchestra

Saturday, August 16, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.
Battles
Black Dice

Sunday, August 17, 2008 | 3-7 p.m.
Sharon Jones & The Dap Kings
Menahan Street Band
Naomi Shelton & The Gospel Queens
Free