

Times Square Alliance Reveals Lineup for Broadway Buskers Concert Series

Actors and Songwriters Celebrate Broadway's Reopening with Weekly Live Performances Beginning July 9, 2021



2019 Broadway Buskers. Photo by Monroe George Scott.

(NEW YORK, NY — July 1, 2021) — **Broadway Buskers**, **Times Square Alliance**'s concert series celebrating the performers and singer-songwriters of the theater community, returns to the Plazas of Times Square in anticipation of Broadway's reopening this fall. Curated and hosted by beloved personality and Broadway veteran **Ben Cameron**, the concert series returns with weekly live performances on **Fridays at 6pm, July 9–October 1, 2021.** All performances are free and open to the public.

This year's series features an exciting lineup of Broadway veterans and newcomers, including Christy Altomare, Gerard Canonico, Masi Asare, Damon Duanno, Ryan Scott Oliver, Rona Siddiqui,

Bandits on the Run (Adrian Blake Enscoe, Regina Strayhorn, and Sydney Torin Shepherd), Alice Lee, Ethan Slater, J. Robert Spencer, Matt Doyle & Will Van Dyke, and Sky-Pony (Kyle Jarrow and Lauren Worsham). Full schedule to be announced at a later date.

"Times Square is coming alive and we are thrilled to bring music back to the public plazas where every day we see more people returning to the Crossroads of the World," said **Tom Harris, President of the Times Square Alliance**. "This summer our public plazas will be filled with live entertainment and public art as the City recovers and we all wait for the great return of Broadway."

"Bringing Broadway Buskers back to Times Square, as we herald in the reopening of Broadway shows, is beyond exciting. Theatre artists have been hit particularly hard over the course of the pandemic. To be able to showcase and support the original music of so many unique and talented voices from across the theatre community, in the most vibrant and iconic setting on earth, feels like a beacon of hope for things to come. We are proud to welcome audiences back to the epicenter of New York City to experience not only world class music, but the resilient strength and excitement you can only find in the city. Now, LET THE MUSIC PLAY!" said **Ben Cameron, curator and host of Broadway Buskers.**

Since 2018, Broadway Buskers has brought Broadway actors and composers to the Times Square pedestrian plazas to perform their own original music among the lights and energy of Times Square. After moving online last summer, this series returns to the outdoors to showcase Broadway actors and up-and-coming composers performing their own original music at the Crossroads of the World. This year's series is especially significant as Times Square welcomes the theatre community back to the Plazas to share their talents with New Yorkers and visitors alike.

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PERFORMANCE LINEUP:

Christy Altomare

Masi Asare

Bandits on the Run (Adrian Blake Enscoe, Regina Strayhorn, and Sydney Torin Shepherd)

Austen Bohmer/Plain Austen

Josh Breckinridge

Gerard Canonico

Jerusha Cavazos

Jaime Cepero

baby chemist

Matt Doyle & Will Van Dyke

Damon Duanno

Jasmine Forsberg

F Michael Haynie

Aaron LaVigne

Ryan Scott Oliver

Jen Sánchez

Nora Schell

Dru Serkes

Ethan Slater

J. Robert Spencer

Starbird & the Phoenix (Courtney Bassett and Andrew Swackhamer)
Christian Thompson
Joel Waggoner
Burgandy Williams
Sky-Pony (Kyle Jarrow and Lauren Worsham)
Zack Zadek

FULL SCHEDULE

For more information, visit https://www.timessguarenyc.org/tsgnyc/broadway-buskers-concert-series.

Broadway Buskers is presented by Morgan Stanley.

ABOUT THE TIMES SQUARE ALLIANCE

The Times Square Alliance works to improve and promote Times Square — cultivating the creativity, energy, and edge that have made the area an icon of entertainment, culture, and urban life for over a century. Founded in 1992, the Alliance keeps the neighborhood clean and safe, promotes local businesses, manages area improvements, and produces major annual events including New Year's Eve, Solstice in Times Square, and Taste of Times Square. As the custodians of Times Square, the Alliance works every day to improve the quality of life for the neighborhood residents and businesses while driving economic growth in New York City. www.TSQ.org

ABOUT BEN CAMERON

Ben Cameron is your Broadway Buddy, bringing the Broadway community directly to you like a neighbor bringing over a tray of brownies (Broadway brownies, yum). Ben has appeared on Broadway in *Wicked* (OBC), *Aida*, and *Footloose* (OBC). Ben is the MainStage host of BroadwayCon and creator and host of the long-running NYC staple Broadway Sessions, now in its 12th season, which was the proud recipient of the 2019 Ruth Kurtzman Benefit Series Award at the MAC Awards. He is also the creator and host of the worldwide hit podcast talk show "The Broadway Cast" and the web series "Dance Captain Dance Attack" on BroadwayWorld.com. Ben hosts countless events within the Broadway community for organizations like Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, NYMF, and Rockers on Broadway, and is a frequent face on PBS WNET. Your Broadway Buddy continues to present Broadway's best to a wide variety of audiences. www.BenCameron.nyc

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