

Announcing Over 80 Free, Open-Air Performances & Events in Times Square this Summer, Marking Largest Summer Program Series in NYC

TSQ LIVE Celebrates Creativity in NYC with Partner Organizations Including Pioneer Works, Carnegie Hall, Jazz at Lincoln Center, and Alvin Ailey Extension

—Beginning May through September 2023—



Times Square Live 2022. Photo courtesy of Times Square Alliance.

(New York, NY — April 21, 2023) — **Times Square Alliance** is pleased to present a series of over 80 free, open-air performances across its public plazas, beginning this May and running through September 2023. Marking its biggest series to date with more partners than ever, **TSQ LIVE** is NYC's largest public program series featuring DJ sets, live concerts, and dance performances from some of the most prestigious organizations in NYC and beyond, including **Pioneer Works, Carnegie Hall, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Ailey Extension, New York Live Arts, Rash Bar, Elsewhere, and Soul Summit**. [Click here for the full TSQ Live schedule.](#)

Each year in the warmer months, the Times Square Alliance celebrates New York City's creative community and vibrant arts ecosystem with TSQ LIVE, offering free and accessible programs nearly every weekday to the hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers and visitors that pass through the Crossroads of the World. The series spotlights the rich diversity of talent found on our city's streets, and brings together artists, performers and cultural partners from quintessential New York institutions to share their work in one of the world's most iconic public stages.

"This summer we have the chance to turn over Times Square to the artists, musicians and performers that make New York City such an incredible place. In turn, the plazas of Times Square become a stage for over 80 free events - from punk shows to classical music; West African dance workshops to voguing classes - all timed to reach the millions in Times Square this summer heading home from work, to a show or visiting for the very first time," said **Times Square Arts Director Jean Cooney**.

"We're regularly seeing over 400,000 people each day in Times Square, which marks the perfect moment to ramp up TSQ LIVE and all of our summer programming for the increasing number of visitors and New Yorkers alike re-discovering Times Square and heading to our hotels, restaurants, theaters and retailers in these warmer months," said **Times Square Alliance President Tom Harris**.

As the weather grows warmer, the pedestrian counts are regularly reaching above 400,000 people a day and are often surpassing 2019 counts. Just last week there was an average of 314,000 people a day passing through Times Square which is a 5% increase from last year and includes Tuesday April 11th seeing 413,000 people which is an increase of 11% from the same time in 2019. Hotel occupancy has been an average of 87% with Friday, April 7th seeing over 93%.

This summer TSQ LIVE is excited to present a diverse program of live music and DJ Sets on our staging area at Broadway and 43rd St **presented by Nasdaq**.

FULL TSQ LIVE SCHEDULE

DJ SETS

Presented by Rash Bar, Soul Summit & Elsewhere

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Tuesdays | 5pm – 6pm, Broadway & 43rd St

Tune in on Tuesdays to hear NYC-based DJs bring their expert craft to music lovers and passersby in Times Square. The series will kick off from May to June with a euphoric summer soundtrack presented by Brooklyn-based Rash Bar, and be followed with programs by Elsewhere. Once a month from July to September, DJ collective Soul Summit will bring their soulful house music to the plazas of Times Square.

Rash Bar NYC is a club and performance space located in Bushwick Brooklyn, dedicated to putting on and supporting emerging queer, local and community artists and musicians, primarily New York's many electronic music scenes.

Brooklyn-based **Soul Summit Music**, consisting of DJs Jeffrey Mendoza, Sadiq Bellamy and Tabu, is best known for their soulful Sunday afternoon festivals in Fort Greene Park where the collective has built a devoted following from across the tri-State area over two decades for their joyful and inclusive dance parties.

Elsewhere is Brooklyn's leading venue & night club dedicated to new music, presenting underground and unbound music with love since 2017. Across three floors, Elsewhere is a space for all New Yorkers to experience expansive sonic offerings, spreading the joy of radical music, for all & forever.

CROSSROADS CONCERTS

Sponsored by Nasdaq

Select Wednesdays in May & June | 5pm, Broadway & 43rd St

In celebration of the broad range of live events regularly on offer in Times Square, TSQ LIVE will feature live music brought to you by an array of neighbors across the district, including Swing 46, M Social, Russian Samovar, Brickhouse NYC and Jasmine's Caribbean Cuisine.

THE COMMUTER SERIES WITH PIONEER WORKS

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Wednesdays | 5pm, Broadway & 43rd St

Brooklyn-based leading nonprofit cultural center Pioneer Works, known for their experimental music program and residency, will curate and present a series of musical performances featuring past, current, and future musicians-in-residence across all genres, including **Michael Foster, Gelsey Bell, Corrine Jasmine, Veronica Avola, Greg Fox, H x H (Lester St. Louis & Chris Williams), Kwami Winfield, Ciarra Black, Brent Arnold,** and **Issei Herr.**

- **Wednesday, June 28:** Fox, Frye & Associates
- **Wednesday, July 5:** The Manhattan Review of Unnatural Acts or NYRoCS
- **Wednesday, July 12:** Ciarra Black
- **Wednesday, July 19:** Brent Arnold: Solo Cello & Electronics
- **Wednesday, July 26:** Soless Dialectone
- **Wednesday, August 2:** Issei Herr
- **Wednesday, August 9:** Corrine Jasmin
- **Wednesday, August 16:** The Chutneys
- **Wednesday, August 30:** H x H (Lester St. Louis & Chris Williams)
- **Wednesday, September 13:** Avola

Pioneer Works (PW) is an artist and scientist-led nonprofit cultural center in Red Hook, Brooklyn that fosters innovative thinking through the visual and performing arts, technology, music, and science. Its mission is to build community through the arts and sciences to create an open and curious world.

JAZZ IN TIMES SQUARE

Presented by Jazz at Lincoln Center

Thursdays | 5pm, Broadway & 46th

Jazz at Lincoln Center will take over Times Square to bring New York City's jazz scene to Broadway, creating the feeling of an intimate club amidst the lights and sounds of Times Square. In keeping with its mission to entertain, enrich, and expand a global community for jazz through performance, education, and advocacy, the organization will present a dynamic array of musicians including Christopher McBride, Mariel Bildsten Septet, and Roxy Coss Quartet.

SCHEDULE

- **Thursday, May 4:** Tito and Tito Centennial: Curtis Brothers Quartet
- **Thursday, May 11:** Chien Chien Lu and Richie Goods
- **Thursday, May 25:** Christopher McBride
- **Thursday, June 1:** Charenee Wade
- **Thursday, June 8:** Miki Yamanaka
- **Thursday, June 15:** Dayramir Gonzalez
- **Thursday, July 6:** Winard Harper and Jeli Posse
- **Thursday, July 13:** Mariel Bildsten Septet
- **Thursday, July 20:** Naledi Masilo [in honor of Nelson Mandela's Birthday Celebration]
- **Thursday, July 27:** Roxy Coss Quartet
- **Thursday, August 3:** Grace Fox Big Band
- **Thursday, August 17:** Simon Moullier Quartet
- **Thursday, August 31:** Endea Owens and the Cookout

The mission of **Jazz at Lincoln Center** is to entertain, enrich and expand a global community for Jazz through performance, education and advocacy. With the world-renowned Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and guest artists spanning genres and generations, Jazz at Lincoln Center produces thousands of performance, education, and broadcast events each season in its home in New York City and around the world, for people of all ages.

CARNEGIE HALL CONCERTS

Musical performances presented by Carnegie Hall

Friday, June 9 & Friday, June 16 | 5pm, Broadway & 46th

In June, Carnegie Hall will host two free concerts in Times Square that are sensational celebrations of sounds from across the country and around the globe. Participating performers are singer, songwriter, and accordionist **Gregorio Uribe**, known for his eclectic Colombian rhythms, and **Trio Fadolín**, a string ensemble composed of **Sabina Torosjan** on violin, **Valeriya Sholokhova** on cello, and **Ljova** on the fadolin.

SCHEDULE:

- **Friday, June 9:** Gregorio Uribe (plus trio)
- **Friday, June 16:** Trio Fadolin

Carnegie Hall's mission is to present extraordinary music and musicians on the three stages of this legendary hall, to bring the transformative power of music to the widest possible audience, to provide visionary education programs, and to foster the future of music through the cultivation of new works, artists, and audiences.

DANCE IN TIMES SQUARE

Dance Workshops presented by Ailey Extension

Friday, May 5, 12, 26; June 2, 30; August 10 Hip-Hop Celebration | 5pm, Broadway & 46th

Ailey comes to Times Square for a series of free outdoor dance classes led by Ailey Extension instructors and NYC dance artists. Fun for all unfolds with participatory, high-spirited dance sessions this May, June, and August. Class offerings range from Broadway jazz to hip-hop, West African dance, and more. Classes are open to people of all ages and all levels of dance experience!

SCHEDULE:

- **Friday, May 5:** West African Dance with Maguette Camara (featuring live drumming)
- **Friday, May 12:** NY Style Mambo with Katherine Jimenez
- **Friday, May 26:** Zumba® with Jose Ozuna
- **Friday, June 2:** Broadway Jazz with Judine Somerville
- **Friday, June 30:** Hip-Hop with TweetBoogie
- **Thursday, August 10:** Hip-Hop 50th Anniversary Celebration

Ailey Extension was founded to continue Alvin Ailey's legacy that "dance came from the people and should be delivered back to the people" by offering open dance classes that are accessible to all people in a welcoming, non-competitive environment. Ailey Extension enriches the lives of the community around us locally and internationally through dance classes, workshops, student performances, panel discussions, and private group classes with prominent dance instructors and musicians from around the world. Join Ailey Extension either online or in-person at the Ailey Studios for dance and fitness classes open to dancers of all levels, from absolute beginners to professionals.

SUMMER FRIDAY CONCERTS

Fridays | 6pm, Broadway & 46th

Check out NYC's buzziest up-and-coming talent live on Fridays in Times Square. Musicians from New York City and beyond will present free concerts, ranging from indie, pop, and electronic, many of whom will be celebrating the debut of new work or an upcoming summer album release. Highlights include a punk rock show by arts organization **NEW INC**, as well as performances by singer/songwriters **Madison Watkins**, **Brooke Alexx** and NYC's own **Julia Wolf**. Stay tuned for performance dates and more, including an electronic dance music pop-up show with Proximity.

OTA BALL & OTA ACADEMY

2nd OTA in Times Square Ball

Monday, August 28 | 5-9pm, Broadway & 46th St

OTA Entertainment brings the art of voguing to Duffy Square with the 2nd OTA in Times Square Ball. This live voguing competition is a celebration of Black queer culture and an invitation to the public to experience New York's historic House Ballroom culture.

OTA Academy: The Runway Experience

Date TBD, August | 5-9pm, Broadway & 46th St

An institution of the ballroom, runway and voguing scene in New York, OTA Entertainment introduces OTA Academy: The Runway Experience in Times Square. Leading up to their 2nd annual ball in Time Square, OTA offers a legendary runway course that is truly open to all.

Founded by **Cazayka Walker (Leggoh JohVera)** around the principle of "Open To All," **OTA Entertainment** is an inclusive, intergenerational community of creatives that welcomes all forms of artistic self-expression.

PUNK SHOW

Curated and presented by NEW INC

Friday, September 15 | 5pm, Broadway & 46th St

A music form, a mode of survival, an ethos, a bridge between disciplines and communities, punk continues reinventing itself, re-telling, and refusing its history. Curated and presented by NEW INC, this mini-festival expands the story -- the early adoption of peer to peer music distribution, the intersection of punk and hip hop on Times Square, the artists who use punk as a means of expanding their studio practice. For one late afternoon, punk comes outdoors on Times Square for a free series of concerts embodying this cross-disciplinary genre to be shared, refused, and refreshed.

Expanding on the New Museum's commitment to new art and new ideas, **NEW INC** is the Museum's cultural incubator supporting creative practitioners and small businesses working across art, design, technology. Now in Year 9, NEW INC's membership model continues to support a diverse range of creative practitioners with a values-driven program and safe space for gathering and developing new creative projects and businesses.

LIVE DANCE: */Time: Study III*

Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company co-presented with New York Live Arts
Wednesday, June 7 | 6pm, Broadway & 46th St

Culminating its 40th Anniversary celebration, the world renowned Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company makes its Times Square debut with */Time: Study III*. This pièce d'occasion, featuring the outstanding performers of the company and guest musicians, marks the third annual New York Live Arts presentation in Times Square.

ART IN TIMES SQUARE

Urgent Futures

Miguel Braceli in collaboration with Children's Museum of the Arts
Thursday, Sept 21 | 5pm, Broadway & 46th

Socially engaged artist **Miguel Braceli** designs a participatory project to collect, discuss, and stage children's voices and their most critical questions of our time. Through a collective performance developed in conjunction with local public school students, Braceli will transform Times Square into an Assembly; making space for large-scale letters, raising children's voices, and embodying their questions as a way to assimilate the urgency of their future.

Children's Museum of the Arts unites children and artists to create and share ambitious works of art with their communities and the world. Born out of an artist's SoHo studio in 1988, Children's Museum of the Arts (CMA) has built a living collection of over 2,000 works by children from over fifty countries dating back nearly a century, while connecting young New Yorkers to art and artists.

ABOUT 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 with partners including New Year's Eve, Solstice in Times Square and Love in 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. TSQ.org

ABOUT TIMES SQUARE ARTS

Times Square Arts, the public art program of the Times Square Alliance, collaborates with contemporary artists and cultural institutions to experiment and engage with one of the world's most iconic urban places. Through the Square's electronic billboards, public plazas, vacant areas and popular venues, and the Alliance's own online landscape, Times Square Arts invites leading contemporary creators, such as Charles Gaines, Joan Jonas, Jeffrey Gibson, Pamela Council, Mel Chin and Kehinde Wiley, to help the public see Times Square in new ways. Times Square has always been a cultural district and place of risk, innovation and creativity, and the arts program ensures these qualities remain central to the district's unique identity.

ABOUT TSQ LIVE x Nasdaq

Through this partnership with **Times Square Live** centered at the Crossroads of the World, **Nasdaq** aims to amplify artists, singer-songwriters, and storytellers by celebrating New York's vibrant and inclusive culture and championing people of all backgrounds to reach their full potential.

ABOUT Nasdaq

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