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**LITTLE ISLAND'S
MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL
KICKS OFF WEDNESDAY, JULY 20**

**Co-curated By
Little Island Artists-in-Residence
Ayodele Casel and Michael McElroy
along with Torya Beard**

**The Festival Runs For 10 Days Through
Sunday, July 31**

**Tickets On-Sale Now at
littleisland.org and at tdf.org**

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NEW YORK – (July 6, 2022) – **Little Island**, New York City's new public park in Hudson River Park by W. 13th Street, begins performances for the second annual 2022 Music & Dance festival on Wednesday, July 20. The sound and movement focused festival will run July 20-31, 2022. The majority of festival programming is free and tickets for select events in The Amph are on-sale now at littleisland.org and tdf.org.

This year's Music & Dance Festival is co-curated by Little Island Artists-in-Residence Ayodele Casel (*Funny Girl, Waitress, Chasing Magic, Diary of a Tap Dancer*) and Michael McElroy (*Sunday In The Park With George, Rent, Big River*) along with Torya Beard (*Funny Girl, Chasing Magic; Executive Director, A BroaderWay*). This park-wide festival will celebrate blues, jazz, hip hop, soul, Broadway and more. Each day will feature multiple free performances throughout the park and be anchored by nightly ticketed performances in The Amph including ***A Night of Musical Masters*** featuring **Isaac Harlan, Joel Martin, and Matthew Whitaker; Percussive Dance with Brinae Ali, Luke Hickey, Barkha Patel, Max Pollak, Soles of Duende; Generation Dance!** featuring **Laraine Goodman, Kevin Iega Jeff, Earl Mosley; Soul to Soul: Black Women in Music** featuring **Capathia Jenkins, Lillias White, Melonie Daniels** and hosted by

Phylicia Rashad and Michael McElroy; and Maurice Chestnut's *Beats, Rhymes, and Tap Shoes*.

For a full schedule of Music & Dance Festival programming visit https://littleisland.org/events/month/?tribe_tags%5B0%5D=32 .

Health and Safety Protocols

In accordance with New York State and CDC guidelines, Little Island is an outdoor park and does not have any masking or vaccination requirements. You are welcome to wear a mask if that makes you feel more comfortable. If you have received a positive Covid-19 diagnosis in the last 5 days or if you are feeling any symptoms of Covid-19, please stay home.

Ticketing

All performances in The Amph will be ticketed. Our mission for our ticketed events is to be as accessible as possible, so 30% of tickets are distributed for free to Little Island's non-profit partners including the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development, NYC DOE Office of Arts and Special Projects, Greenwich House, Hudson Guild, P.S. 33 Chelsea Prep, The Door, and Westbeth Artist Residents Council; 30% of tickets are sold at \$25 through the Theatre Development Fund or through Little Island's website for anyone under the age of 25 or over 65 years old, and 30% of tickets are sold through Little Island's website at \$45 for regular price. All tickets are general admission, and your show ticket also serves as your timed entry reservation.

Little Island will once again partner with **Body Language Productions** to offer **American Sign Language** interpretation for the following performance: ***Soul to Soul: Black Women in Music*** on Thursday, July 28 at 8:00 pm. For more information, please visit <https://littleisland.org/accessibility/>.

All tickets will be electronic/mobile-only and are available for purchase now by visiting www.littleisland.org or by visiting tdf.org. There will be no tickets available to purchase on-site. Your ticket also serves as your timed entry reservation to the park.

About Little Island

Little Island is a new public park, primarily funded by the Diller-von Furstenberg Family Foundation with support from the City of New York, in Hudson River Park. The park features a lush, seasonal, landscape with rolling hills, walking paths and open lawns, and dazzling views of New York City. Little Island is one of the latest additions to the four-mile-long Hudson River Park, which runs from Chambers Street to W. 59th Street.

Little Island has a 687-seat amphitheater, an intimate stage and lawn for 200 visitors, and an open plaza, all designed to host a range of programming for all ages, from theater, dance, and music to food and beverage experiences to educational programs and community events. Little Island provides New Yorkers, and its visitors,

with a unique urban oasis—a place for experiences that ignite imagination, foster spontaneity and play, and support camaraderie and connection. littleisland.org

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