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FREE PROGRAMMING RETURNS TO LITTLE ISLAND FOR SUMMER 2023

JUNE 7 – SEPTEMBER 3

Performers include

FALSA, STELLA K. COLE, FLORENCIA CUENCA & JAIME LOZANO:
BROADWAY EN SPANGLISH, JO FIRESTONE, JOSHUA HENRY,
LUKE HICKEY, J HOARD, AMBER IMAN, TAKAHIRO IZUMIKAWA,
AISHA JACKSON, MORGAN JAY, JAMES AUSTIN JOHNSON,
MYKAL KILGORE, TESSA LARK, JOHN MANZARI, GRACE MCLEAN,
DARMON MEADER, TONYA PINKINS, SHAINA TAUB, PHILIPPE LEMM
TRIO, KUHOO VERMA, DANIEL J WATTS, ZAC ZINGER GROUP AND
MORE

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Free artmaking activities for all ages
Wednesday through Saturday

TEEN NIGHT every Friday

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NEW YORK – (APRIL 18, 2023) – **Little Island**, New York City’s award-winning public park in Hudson River Park by W. 13th Street, announced today our 2023 line-up of free summer events. Since opening May 21, 2021 Little Island has welcomed over 3 million visitors and hosted over 572 free performances. This third summer will feature free performances from an extraordinary group of artists for intimate performances in The Glade including Tony Award winner **Tonya Pinkins**, SNL Cast Member **James Austin Johnson**, Grammy Award winner **Joshua Henry**, singer/songwriter on 2 Grammy winning albums **J Hoard**, Grammy Award nominee **Tessa Lark**, Emmy Award nominee **Shaina Taub**, Tony Award nominee **Daniel J**

Watts, Lortel Award winner **Kuhoo Verma**, Broadway favorites **Amber Iman, Aisha Jackson, Mykal Kilgore, John Manzari, Grace McLean, Florencia Cuenca & Jaime Lozano**: Broadway en Spanglish, tap dancer **Luke Hickey**, jazz artists **Darmon Meader, Philippe Lemm Trio, Zac Zinger Group**, Sufi music ensemble **Falsa**, keyboardist **Takahiro Izumikawa**, jazz singer **Stella K. Cole**, comedians **Jo Firestone, Morgan Jay**, Alicia Keys' **She Is The Music**, **Fools Circle Comedy – Hosted by Teklai, Make Music New York** featuring **Billy Martin** and more. The Play Ground will also play host to drag bingo, DJs, dance parties and more with **Linda Loves Bingo, Orquesta Broadway Sanctuario** featuring **Okai Musik** and DJ **Sabine, Blaizin S.N.O.B. (Sunday Night On Broadway)** and **Vinyl Nights**.

Little Island will once again host Creative Breaks, free artmaking activities (dance, music and visual art), for all ages, every Wednesday through Saturday beginning **Wednesday, June 7** through **Saturday, September 2**. Our Creative breaks are led by our Little Island teaching artists or one of our guest partners which include **The Center for Fiction, The Free Black Women's Library, Greenwich House Music School, Hudson River Park, Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Art (MoCADA), Oye Group** and **New Victory**.

This season will also include the return of **Teen Night** on Fridays at **7:00 p.m.** For the past two summers Little Island opened up The Glade on Friday evenings for programming designed specifically for the teen community. Teen Night will run from **Friday, June 16** through **Friday, August 25** with a mix of events from performances to social mixers, workshops and a Kiki lounge all created by and for teens.

Our food and beverage partner Union Square Events also returns with an expanded menu of grab and go items to enhance your park and performance experience. [Click here to view our menu.](#)

For a full schedule of Free Events visit <https://littleisland.org/events/>. No tickets or timed entry reservations are required to attend any events.

Health and Safety Protocols

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. We ask that if you have received a positive Covid-19 diagnosis or are feeling any symptoms of Covid-19, please stay home.

ACCESSIBLE PERFORMANCES

Little Island is a public park, and all performances are relaxed. You are welcome to come and go as best suits your needs.

Assistive Listening Devices are available for all performances in The Glade and The Play Ground just ask a member of our park staff.

Little Island will once again partner with **Body Language Productions** to offer **American Sign Language** interpretation for the following performances: **J Hoard** on **Saturday, July 22** and **Saturday, July 29** at **7:00 p.m.** and **9:00 p.m.** For more information, please visit <https://littleisland.org/accessibility/>.

About Little Island

Little Island is an award-winning public park, primarily funded by the Diller-von Furstenberg Family Foundation, in Hudson River Park. The park features a lush, seasonal, landscape with rolling hills, walking paths and open lawns, a range of performance spaces 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. littleisland.org

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