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## National Gallery of Art's Free Jazz in the Garden Concert Series Returns Friday, May 17, 2019



Visitors enjoy Jazz in the Garden at the National Gallery of Art, Washington.

Washington, DC—A beloved DC summer tradition, the National Gallery of Art's Jazz in the Garden concert series will kick off its 2019 season on Friday, May 17. In addition to the return of audience favorites like Black Masala, Son del Caribe, and the Funky Dawgz Brass Band, this year's lineup will feature new performers like Rob Curto's Forró for All, Adwela & the Uprising, and The Bailsmen. Every Friday evening from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. through August 23, 2019, the Gallery will invite visitors to spend an evening among the Sculpture Garden's monumental works of art set to tunes ranging from African fusion and go-go to New Orleans Dixieland and salsa.

Highlights of this year's schedule include the 13th year of collaboration between Jazz in the Garden and the DC JazzFest with a performance by Shannon Gunn on June 7. Visitors can enjoy new additions to the outdoor grill menu—a banh mi turkey burger with ginger soy aioli and Asian slaw and a teriyaki Impossible burger with pineapple chutney—and the Pavilion Café's menu indoors.

The National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden is located along Constitution Avenue and Madison Drive between 7th and 9th Streets NW.

Weather-related updates are available on the Gallery's website at [nga.gov/jazz](https://nga.gov/jazz), Twitter feed @ngadc, or by calling (202) 289-3360. For the safety of visitors and works of art, access to the Sculpture Garden is monitored and will be limited if the space becomes too crowded.

### **Scheduled Performances**

- May 17- Rob Curto's Forró For All (Brazilian folk jazz)
- May 24- Futurist (Alternative modern)
- May 31- Billy Price (Blues)
- June 7- Shannon Gunn\* (Jazz Trombone) \*in collaboration with the DC Jazz Festival
- June 14- Adwela & the Uprising (Reggae)
- June 21- Black Masala (Ethno-funk)
- June 28- Hendrik Meurkens Quartet (Jazz harmonica and vibraphone)
- July 5- The JoGo Project (Jazz and go-go)
- July 12- Elikeh (African fusion jazz)
- July 19- Miles Stiebel (Jazz violin)
- July 26- Incendio (Instrumental world guitar)
- August 2- Son del Caribe (Pan-Caribbean salsa)
- August 9- The Bailsmen (Gypsy jazz and vintage swing)
- August 16- Dixie Power Trio (New Orleans Dixieland jazz)
- August 23- Funky Dawgz Brass Band (Funk and hip-hop)

### **Refreshments from the Pavilion Café**

Guests may purchase refreshments from a special menu of appetizers, sandwiches, pizzas, and salads indoors at the Pavilion Café, or may purchase sandwiches and burgers from the outdoor grill on the patio. A variety of beverages, including beer, wine, sangria, and sodas, is sold on-site. Outside alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited and subject to confiscation. View the full Jazz in the Garden menu at [pavilioncafe.com/jazz](https://pavilioncafe.com/jazz).

### **National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden**

The National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden was given to the nation by The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation. Designed to offer year-round enjoyment to the public in one of the preeminent locations on the National Mall, the 6.1-acre National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden opened on May 23, 1999. The richly landscaped setting provides a distinctive backdrop for 21 monumental works of modern sculpture by internationally renowned artists such as Louise Bourgeois, Marc Chagall, Hector

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Guimard, Robert Indiana, Ellsworth Kelly, Sol LeWitt, Roy Lichtenstein, Joan Miró, Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, Roxy Paine, and Tony Smith. Visitors may enjoy spacious seating and walking areas amid the native American canopy and flowering trees, shrubs, ground covers, and perennials. More information about the Sculpture Garden, including plantings, is available at [www.nga.gov/visit/sculpture-garden.html](http://www.nga.gov/visit/sculpture-garden.html)

When visiting the Sculpture Garden, please do not touch the works of art. Tables are not permitted. Please do not ride bicycles or use in-line skates and skateboards inside the Sculpture Garden. Bicycle racks are available near the entrances on Constitution Avenue and Madison Drive NW. Only service animals are permitted. Security officers reserve the right to inspect all items brought into the Sculpture Garden.

### **Summer Sculpture Garden Hours and Location**

The summer hours (May 17 through August 23) of the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden are extended to accommodate Jazz in the Garden.

Monday–Thursday, Saturday

10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. (Pavilion Café closes at 6:00)

Friday

10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. (Pavilion Café closes at 8:30)

Sunday

11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. (Pavilion Café closes at 6:00)

The Sculpture Garden and Pavilion Café will close an hour early on Thursday, the Fourth of July.

The closest Metro stations are Archives–Navy Memorial–Penn Quarter on the Green and Yellow Lines, Federal Center SW and Smithsonian on the Orange, Silver, and Blue Lines, and Judiciary Square on the Red Line.

The closest Metro bus stops are at 7th Street and Constitution Avenue NW on the 30, 74, and X1 bus lines, and 7th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW on the 79 bus line.

The DC Circulator Bus stops at 4th Street and Madison Drive NW, and at 7th Street and Madison Drive NW, next to the entrance to the Sculpture Garden.

### **Press Contact:**

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## General Information

The National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden are at all times free to the public. They are located on the National Mall between 3rd and 9th Streets at Constitution Avenue NW, and are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1. For information call (202) 737-4215 or visit the Gallery's Web site at [www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov). Follow the Gallery on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt](http://www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt), Twitter at [www.twitter.com/ngadc](http://www.twitter.com/ngadc), and Instagram at <http://instagram.com/ngadc>.

Visitors will be asked to present all carried items for inspection upon entering. Checkrooms are free of charge and located at each entrance. Luggage and other oversized bags must be presented at the 4th Street entrances to the East or West Building to permit x-ray screening and must be deposited in the checkrooms at those entrances. For the safety of visitors and the works of art, nothing may be carried into the Gallery on a visitor's back. Any bag or other items that cannot be carried reasonably and safely in some other manner must be left in the checkrooms. Items larger than 17 by 26 inches cannot be accepted by the Gallery or its checkrooms.

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