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Press Release

Wave Hill Unveils Its 2025 Summer Outdoor Performing Arts Season

Carnegie Hall Citywide returns, Sunset Wednesdays expand for 60th Anniversary

Bronx, NY, May 15, 2025 — This summer, in celebration of its 60th Anniversary, Wave Hill invites visitors near and far to experience a season of music that reflects the city's remarkable breadth of sound and spirit. The 2025 Summer Outdoor Performing Arts Season brings together a lively mix of artists—from jazz innovators and Latin American vocalists to theatrical indie-folk storytellers and street dance improvisers—each offering a unique voice and performance style that speaks to the diversity and creativity of our communities.

The season begins with a **free Carnegie Hall Citywide** concert by the exhilarating Endea Owens and The Cookout, followed by an **expanded Sunset Wednesdays series**. These beloved twilight concerts are set against the stunning backdrop of Wave Hill's gardens and Hudson River views, providing an unforgettable atmosphere for music, connection, and celebration. An additional Sunday afternoon concert with composer and vocalist Majel Connery provides a musical journey inside the mind of a tree, presented as part of the Glyndor Gallery exhibition *Trees, we breathe* running throughout the summer.



“For our 60th Anniversary, we wanted to honor Wave Hill’s deep roots in the Bronx and its ongoing commitment to the arts by expanding the ways people can experience music here,” said Wave Hill’s President and Executive Director, Ray Oladapo-Johnson. “This season’s performers bring a wide range of stories, rhythms, and sounds that invite audiences to see—and hear—the garden in new ways.”

Performances take place in Wave Hill’s lush gardens, overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades—offering an experience that’s as much about place as performance. Concerts are 7-8 PM unless otherwise indicated.



Thu, June 26 | Endea Owens and The Cookout

This Emmy- and Grammy-winning Juilliard grad brings her vibrant, genre-bending sound to Wave Hill in a partnership with **Carnegie Hall Citywide**. Owens' debut album *Feel Good Music* lives up to its name—come ready to groove.



Wed, July 9 | Allison Miller: Rivers In Our Veins

Drummer and composer Allison Miller leads a spellbinding ensemble through a cycle inspired by America's rivers and the histories they hold, from Indigenous lands to environmental justice.



Wed, July 16 | Lucía

Winner of the Sarah Vaughan Vocal Jazz Competition, this 23-year-old Mexican powerhouse blends jazz, Latin, and folk into something entirely her own—fresh, fearless, and unforgettable.



Wed, July 23 | Bandits on the Run

This Brooklyn-born trio melds folk-pop flair with theatrical storytelling, performing with a mix of cello, accordion, and three-part harmonies that have wowed audiences from NPR to the F1 Grand Prix.



Wed, July 30 | Fabiola Méndez

Puerto Rican cuatro virtuoso Fabiola Méndez shares stories of culture and resistance through soul-stirring original compositions grounded in Afro-Caribbean tradition.



Wed, August 6 | LayeRhythm

An improvisational explosion of street and club dance, live music, and audience participation. Founded by Mai Lê Hô, this community-centered performance celebrates NYC's freestyle spirit.



Sun, July 27, 3PM–4PM | Majel Connery: *Elderflora*

As part of Wave Hill's *Trees, we breathe* exhibition, Connery's oratorio invites listeners into the life of a tree. Part classical, part experimental, *Elderflora* is an ode to nature's inner voice.

Wave Hill is where music and nature meet. With Hudson River sunsets as the backdrop and Bronx culture at its core, this season invites audiences to reconnect, reflect, and rejoice.

Ticket Information

Sunset Wednesdays and *Elderflora* concerts are included with admission to the grounds. The Carnegie Hall Citywide concert is **free**, and admission to Wave Hill is free on Thursdays.

Tickets and more information available at wavehill.org.

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About Wave Hill

A 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades, Wave Hill's mission is to celebrate the artistry and legacy of its gardens and landscapes, to preserve its magnificent views, and to explore human connections to the natural world through programs in horticulture, education and the arts.

HOURS: Open all year, Tuesday–Sunday, 10AM–5:30PM. Open until 8 PM on Carnegie Hall Citywide and Sunset Wednesday evenings.

Marco Polo Stufano Conservatory 10AM–Noon/1–5PM.

ADMISSION TO THE GROUNDS: \$10 adults, \$6 students and seniors 65+, \$4 children 6-18. Free Thursdays.

Free to Wave Hill Members, children under 6.

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