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**Press Release**

**Wave Hill Unveils Its 2026 Summer Outdoor Performing Arts Season**

Carnegie Hall Citywide returns with TONEWALL, and Sunset Wednesdays showcases five distinctive voices across genres on the Great Lawn

**Bronx, NY, May 27, 2026** — Wave Hill announces its 2026 Summer Outdoor Performing Arts Season bringing a dynamic range of musical talent to one of the city’s most breathtaking sunset views. The season opens on Thursday, June 25 in celebration of Pride, with a free performance by the charismatic queer a cappella group, **TONEWALL**, presented in partnership with **Carnegie Hall**. Five Sunset Wednesdays concerts follow in July and August featuring artists whose work spans jazz, folk traditions, global fusion, and the Great American Songbook.



Wave Hill’s outdoor concerts are known for their close connection between artists and audiences. With performances presented at dusk on the Great Lawn, the series invites visitors to slow down and enjoy an intimate evening with beloved musicians, or to discover new favorites, under an open sky.

“The strength of this season lies in the range of musical voices it brings together,” said Gabriel de Guzman, Wave Hill Director of Arts & Chief Curator. “It is welcoming, expansive, and full of discovery, just like the spirit of summer at Wave Hill. Each summer we witness how powerful live music can be when it’s experienced in a setting that encourages presence and connection.”

**Thu, June 25 | Carnegie Hall Citywide: TONEWALL**

Celebrate Pride with a free performance by TONEWALL, the charismatic queer a cappella band of the New York City Gay Men’s Chorus. Known for “uplifting anthems, classic tunes, and sexy hits,” the group brings award-winning arrangements, choreography, and high-energy stage presence to the Great Lawn, presented in partnership with Carnegie Hall.



**Wed, July 8 | Sunset Wednesdays: Jennifer Jade Ledesna**

Bronx-born and raised, multilingual jazz vocalist Jennifer Jade Ledesna opens the Sunset Wednesdays series with a hometown performance that extends the genre in exciting directions with her “fierce artistry and smoky voice” (*The New York Times*).

**Wed, July 15 | Sunset Wednesdays: Melissa Aldana**

Grammy-nominated, Chilean-born tenor saxophonist and composer Melissa Aldana channels jazz legends, such as John Coltrane, Charlie Parker, and Sonny Rollins, reinterpreting their sound through a deeply personal and contemporary lens, rooted in storytelling and a vibrant, sonic presence.

**Wed, July 22 | Sunset Wednesdays: Jake Blount**

An award-winning scholar and performer of Black folk music, Jake Blount draws from the archives of historic Black traditions while shaping an Afrofuturist sound that bridges acoustic and electric, artist and medium, and ancestor and progeny.

**Wed, July 29 | Sunset Wednesdays: Stella Cole**

With a voice that bridges generations, Stella Cole brings fresh interpretations of timeless songs from the Great American Songbook, connecting classic repertoire with new audiences through warmth and soul.

**Wed, August 5 | Sunset Wednesdays: Djékady Trio**

Featuring Grammy-winning musicians Balla Kouyaté and Mike Block with Idrissa Koné, Djékady Trio brings Malian music into conversation with American folk and contemporary styles in a dynamic, rhythm-rich performance.

All performances take place from 7PM – 8PM on the Great Lawn. Carnegie Hall Citywide: TONEWALL is free, and admission to the grounds is free on Thursday, June 25. Premium admission in effect for Sunset Wednesdays from 4–8 PM each Wednesday evening.

Visitors may bring folding chairs and blankets. Picnicking is permitted on the Great Lawn beginning at 4 PM. In the event of inclement weather, programs move indoors to Armor Hall, where capacity is limited and pre-registered Rain or Shine tickets receive priority seating.

Tickets and more information available at [wavehill.org](http://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. Glyndor Gallery 10AM–4:30PM. Marco Polo Stufano Conservatory 10AM–Noon/1–5PM. On Carnegie Hall Citywide and Sunset Wednesday evenings, Glyndor Gallery, The Café, and The Shop are open until 7:30PM and the Grounds close at 8PM.

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

**PREMIUM ADMISSION** Sunset Wednesdays: \$15 adults, \$10 students & seniors 65+, \$8 children 6+

Free to Wave Hill Members, children under 6.

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