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# Celebrate Black Music Month with Summer Sounds on the Julianne and George Argyros Plaza!



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COSTA MESA, CA | Segerstrom Center for the Arts presents the return of its highly anticipated Summer Sounds concert series on the Julianne and George Argyros Plaza on Fridays throughout the months of June and July. Featuring a lineup of Southern California's most eclectic artists and DJ's, audiences can spend the warm summer nights alongside family and friends supporting local artists at this free, all-ages event. From salsa to soul, and everything in between, our lineup promises a musical journey that caters to every taste.

Throughout June, the Center is celebrating Black Music Month, showcasing the immense talent and cultural contributions of Black artists. Experience the rich diversity, influence and creativity of Black musicians and be inspired by their dynamic performances.

All events are free with our new Plaza Pass and will take place on Friday evenings from June 7-21 and July 12-26.

Plaza Pass is a free digital pass for individuals over 18 years old to access free events on the Julianne and George Argyros Plaza. No additional tickets or RSVPs required, just pull up your Plaza Pass from your Apple Wallet or Google Wallet when you arrive at the entrance, and our ushers will scan you in! Sign up once and gain access to tons of concerts, dance classes, and cultural festivals all year long!

This is a casual outdoor concert in an open plaza with limited seating. Don't forget to grab your lawn chairs, blankets, and sweaters to enjoy the show comfortably. Seating location is unassigned and first come first served.

Indulge your taste buds with delicious offerings from local food trucks and our outdoor restaurant George's Café, serving up a variety of dinner and drink options from gourmet bites to refreshing beverages. Guests are also welcome to pack picnic baskets with their favorite snacks and refreshments, however no outside alcohol, glass containers, tables, barbecues, and food preparation are permitted on the Plaza.

### **SUMMER SOUNDS 2024 LINEUP**

### Boogaloo Assassins | Friday, June 7

Boogaloo Assassins are a Southern Californian-based 12-piece *orquesta* specializing in original Latin boogaloo, salsa, and Latin soul. A Los Angeles institution, Boogaloo Assassins' debut record Old Love Dies Hard celebrated its 10-year anniversary re-release on Nu-Tone Recordings in 2023. Guaranteed to keep dancefloors full, Boogaloo Assassins hit single 7-inch record "No No No" has led them to entertain thousands of Latin music fans throughout California, in New York City, and to modern Salsa music's home - Bogota and Cali, Colombia.

### J Boykin & Friends | Friday, June 14

J Boykin's journey as a saxophone artist began at a young age; gifted with a natural talent and an innate passion for music, he quickly became enamored with the expressive power of the saxophone. His ability to effortlessly navigate the complexities of jazz, blues, and funk captivated listeners, earning him accolades and recognition within the music industry. From intimate jazz clubs to grand concert halls, his saxophone has resonated with people from different cultures and backgrounds and creating an unbreakable bond through the universal language of music.

### V.C.R ft. Soulquest with III Camille, Iman Europe & Swarvy | Friday, June 21

V.C.R, born Veronica Camille Ratliff, is a world-class multidisciplinary singer-songwriter, composer, violinist, and published author. The Memphis-bred recording artist blends cathartic

lyrics combined with powerhouse vocals that entrance the listener and leaves them breathless. As a storyteller, this transcendental soul-singer uses amalgamations of her rich southern gospel roots and classical orchestral training to produce songs rooted in vulnerability and truth. Soulquest is a dynamic music collective comprised of members V.C.R, Ill Camille, Iman Europe, and Swarvy. Inspired by the legendary Soulquarians — who were a rotating collective of experimental Black musicians during the late 90s and early 2000s during the recording of D'Angelo's critically acclaimed album *Voodoo*. Soulquest infuses their sound with a fresh perspective while staying true to the roots of authentic soul and hip hop.

### Undecided Future | Friday, July 12

Based in Southern California, Undecided Future is a revolutionary Pop-Soul group re-paving the way for live entertainment. With their musical influences ranging across the board, UF puts on a show like no other. Gaining the trust and knowledge from many people in the industry, UF has worked with some of the greats, including Jason Derulo, Dr. Dre, and Dem Jointz. The members of Undecided Future have been like brothers for over 11 years, and they don't plan on slowing down. Their impressive career includes playing shows at Disneyland, MGM Las Vegas, New York, and most recently they have been contracted with Virgin Voyages, setting sail around the Caribbean, Europe, and Southern Asia.

### Maria Sanchez & The Midnight Groove | Friday, July 19

Maria Sanchez, also known as Groovy MS, is a Chicana artist from Riverside, CA. Her sound perfectly encapsulates "That Soulful Love Type of Music" with a blend of her favorite genres: oldies, soul, and funk. Through her music as a singer-songwriter, she aims to create a sense of tranquility and nostalgia that allows one to reminisce. In late 2022, Maria formed her live band, The Midnight Groove, which consists of the following talented musicians: Jasmine Sanchez (Vocals), Esteban Reynaga (Guitar), Robert Acosta (Drums), Vincent Stevens (Bass) and Jacob Sahagun (Keys).

### Tropa Magica | Friday, July 26

Invigorating, brilliant, and charismatic are just a slew of the adjectives used to describe Tropa Magica. "The East L.A. duo made a name for themselves by combining alternative, grunge, and psychedelic rock with cumbia" says Spin magazine. In late 2019, brothers David and Rene Pacheco self-released a limited edition 7-inch vinyl EP titled "Smells Like Cumbia" featuring cumbia renditions of Nirvana songs. Tropa Magica has performed at SoCal festival favorites like Desert Daze and Tropicalia and has supported established acts such as Bomba Estereo, Molotov, and comedian Felipe Esparza.

### **SUMMER SOUNDS 2024**

### Segerstrom Center for the Arts Julianne and George Argyros Plaza

Friday evenings throughout June & July

Doors open at 6:30PM

Free with Plaza Pass

### **Boogaloo Assassins with DJ Dennis Owens**

Friday, June 7 @ 6:30 – 9:00 PM

### J Boykin & Friends with DJ LexaKhan

Friday, June 14 @ 6:30 - 9:00 PM

#### V.C.R ft. Soulquest with III Camille, Iman Europe & Swarvy

Friday, June 21 @ 6:30 – 9:00 PM

#### **Undecided Future with DJ Kaleb Brand**

Friday, July 12 @ 6:30 – 9:00 PM

### Maria Sanchez & The Midnight Groove with DJs Musica y Mujeres

Friday, July 19 @ 6:30 – 9:00 PM

### Tropa Magica with DJ La Cosecha Internacional

Friday, July 26 @ 6:30 - 9:00 PM

#### **Box Office** In-person The Box Office 600 Town Center Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Monday 10 am to 2 pm Tuesday through Friday 12 pm to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday: Closed

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Segerstrom Center for the Arts is an innovative, nonprofit arts organization committed to supporting artistic excellence, creating impactful educational programs, and dedicated to engaging a culturally connected, inclusive and vital Orange County community for all, through the power of live performance. As the leading cultural arts hub, the Center presents a variety of programming with performances by international dance companies, Broadway national tours, jazz and cabaret musicians, chamber orchestras and ensembles, comedy, and speaker series. Through the Education and Community Engagement departments, the Center also delivers family-friendly programming and performances on the Julianne and George Argyros Plaza; these events include outdoor movie screenings, concerts, dance classes, diverse festivals and more.

With six venues on a beautiful multi-disciplinary campus, Segerstrom Center for the Arts proudly serves as the artistic home to three of the region's major performing arts organizations: **Pacific**Symphony, Philharmonic Society of Orange County and Pacific Chorale as well as two independently acclaimed organizations: Tony Award®-winning South Coast Repertory and Orange County Museum of Art. Segerstrom Center is also home to the American Ballet Theatre William J. Gillespie School and Studio D, Arts School for All Abilities.

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